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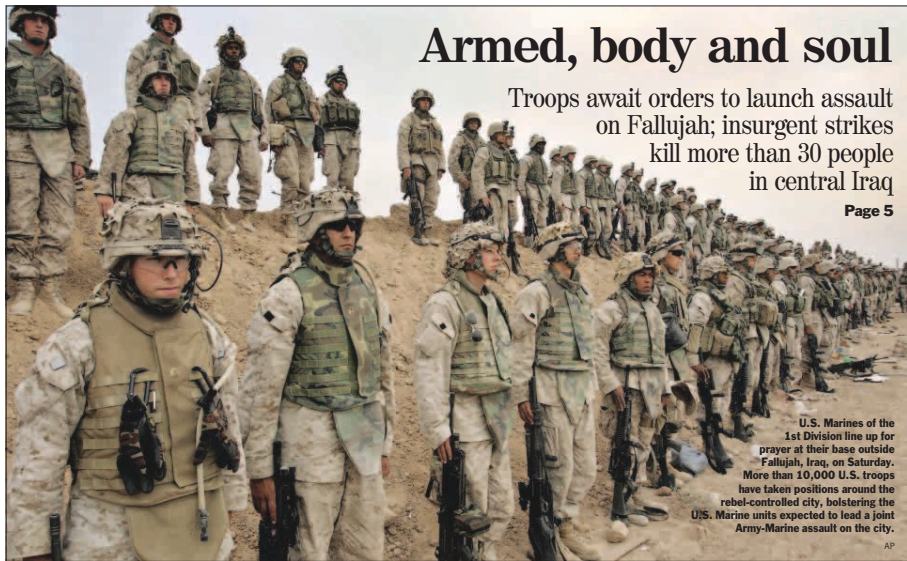
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U.S. Marines of the 1st Division line up for prayer at their base outside Fallujah, Iraq, on Saturday. More than 10,000 U.S. troops have taken positions around the rebel-controlled city, bolstering the U.S. Marine units expected to lead a joint Army-Marine assault on the city.

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Jackson case: With Michael Jackson's child molestation trial set to begin Jan. 31, a California judge scheduled an exhaustive series of hearings to resolve all pretrial motions and advised lawyers for both sides he won't consider any delays.

Also on Friday, lawyers on both sides spent hours poring over file folders seized by sheriff's deputies from the home of Jackson's personal assistant to sort out those that would be considered confidential. They were not released in open court.

Peterson deliberations: After a third day of deliberations, jurors in Scott Peterson's murder trial retired to a hotel in Redwood City, Calif. They cannot discuss the case and are not allowed visitors.

The jurors are only permitted to watch sports and movies from a court-approved selection on television until they resume deliberations Monday.

Slaying of Williams half-sister: A judge declared a mistrial Friday in the case of one of two men charged in the September 2003 slaying of the half-sister of tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams.

The jury reported it was 9-3 in favor of acquitting Aaron Michael Hammer, said district attorney's office spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons. Hammer, 25, was accused of shooting at Yutunde Price with a .22-caliber handgun. Prosecutors said the shot that killed Price wasn't from that weapon, but state law allows a murder charge for taking part in a crime in which a person is killed by someone else.

Internet organ donor: A Tennessee man who donated his kidney to a dialysis patient he met through the Internet has accepted a television show's offer to take a lie detector test aimed at rebutting claims he was paid.

Rob Smitty's decision to donate his kidney to Bob Hickey of Colorado came after the two met through a for-profit Web site that matches donors and patients for a fee.

Smitty's lawyer, Bill Speck, said he now must rebut the "presumption that most people have that he did it for money or personal gain." He said such questions, if left unanswered, "will prevent



Smitty

other people from coming forward and doing altruistic and kind acts."

Military

Army captain's request: The Army has agreed to honorably discharge an Army captain who challenged his assignment to Iraq in court, saying he had properly resigned. Jay Ferriola, 31, a New Yorker who had served in South Korea and Bosnia, said he brought his lawsuit two weeks ago because he was assigned to Iraq even though he had told the Army in June that he was resigning because his eight-year term was finished.

Air Force GPS launch: After a series of delays, a Boeing Delta 2 rocket carrying a Global Positioning System satellite for the Air Force roared into space early Saturday.

The launch took place shortly after midnight and lit up the slightly overcast sky, dramatically silhouetting a bank of nearby clouds.

After a three-week checkout period, the spacecraft is set to become the 30th operational unit in the GPS constellation. The system requires a minimum of 24 satellites to operate at full capacity.

World

Ivory Coast attack: The French military attacked an airport in the capital of Ivory Coast, destroying an unspecified number of aircraft, the head of Ivory Coast's military operations said Saturday.

It was not immediately clear if the Ivory Coast army official was referring to a separate attack from a French-Ivory Coast clash that destroyed three Ivorian aircraft, or giving a different account of how those three aircraft were destroyed.

"The planes were destroyed by shots from the French military at Yamoussoukro airport," Col. Philippe Mangou told The Associated Press. "The planes were on the ground."

France head-scarf expulsions: Four Muslim teenagers were expelled from high schools in eastern France under a new law that bans the wearing of Islamic head scarves and other obvious religious symbols in classrooms, school officials said Saturday.

Disciplinary panels at two high schools in the Alsace region ordered the expulsions Friday evening, the officials said. Two other girls in area schools were awaiting similar rulings on Saturday.

At least a dozen girls have been expelled under a new law banning Islamic head scarves, Jewish skullcaps and large Chris-

tian crosses at public schools. The law took effect at the start of the school year.

Bosnia mass grave: After having exhumed 454 bodies, forensic experts concluded work on the second-largest mass grave found in Bosnia since the 1992-95 war ended, an official said Saturday.

Identification documents found in the grave indicated that the dead appeared to be Bosnian Muslims and Croats who had lived in and around the town of Prijedor, about 110 miles northwest of Sarajevo, Esad Bajramovic, a member of the missing persons commission in the Muslim-Croat part of Bosnia said.

Many of those in the grave believed to have been killed in the Omarska and Keraterm concentration camps in 1992, Bajramovic said.

Experts had been working for three months on the grave in Stari Kevljani, near Prijedor. It is the 51st mass grave found in the Prijedor area.

East Timor acquittal: The only Indonesian official to be punished for violence that killed up to 2,000 East Timorese in 1999 has been released from jail, following a court decision that overturned his conviction, officials said.

Abilio Jose Soares, East Timor's former governor, left Jakarta's Cipinang prison late Friday, saying "the Supreme Court decision has put the law on its right track."

"Now, I only wish to live with my family as a good citizen," he told reporters.

The acquittal has dismayed rights activists who urged Jakarta to punish those responsible.

Business

Arms dealer-Boeing lawsuit: A jury has awarded an international arms dealer \$3.6 million in damages, after he accused Boeing Co. of reneging on a deal to buy two Russian-made missile launchers and ruining his reputation among other potential customers.

Friday's judgment gave Milton Blane, owner of Cummington, Ga.-based International Group Inc., \$3.5 million in punitive damages and \$100,000 in compensation for the missile launchers Boeing allegedly had intended to resell to the U.S. Navy.

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Left: Pittsburgh Pirates shortstop Jack Wilson, left, gives batting tips to a group of Little League players during a Major League Baseball clinic Saturday at Yokota Air Base, Japan. Right: Tech. Sgt. Henry Williams, center, sings the national anthem prior to Saturday's baseball clinic.

MLB stars go to bat for kids at Yokota

Four major leagueers take time out of exhibition tour of Japan to hold baseball clinic

BY VINCE LITTLE

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — About 100 Little League baseball players, including a couple dozen from nearby Fussa City and Kokubunji, got to hang out with four Major League Baseball stars Saturday during a spirited youth clinic and autograph session at Wilkins Field.

Usheered to Yokota via military helicopter, Toronto Blue Jays outfielder Vernon Wells, Texas Rangers shortstop Michael Young, Oakland A's pitcher Mark Redman and Pittsburgh shortstop Jack Wilson spent about 90 minutes on the diamond, delivering tips on hitting, fielding and pitching.

They were visiting Yokota hours before the second of an eight-game exhibition series between the major leagueers and a team of All-Stars from Japan's professional leagues. The MLB stars won 7-2 in Friday's opener at the Tokyo Dome.

Col. Doug Kreulen, the 374th Airlift Wing's vice commander, welcomed the four players to Yokota, while Tech. Sgt. Henry Williams of the 374th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron delivered renditions of both the Japanese and American national anthems.

"Thank you for having us," Young told the crowd. "You kids are a lot younger than us, but one thing we share is a love for baseball."

"When we were kids, we'd go to major

league baseball camps, and they were a lot of fun. We're grateful for the opportunity now. It's so nice to be out here."

Young, who finished second in the American League this season with 216 hits, trailing only Seattle Mariners superstar Ichiro Suzuki, headed into the outfield to toss grounders and fly balls to the youngsters. He was joined by Wells, who had two RBIs in Friday night's victory.

"It's important to all of us just to give back," Wells said. "We're in a fortunate situation to be able to do this. All of us remember being kids and looking up to the major league players. We're just like they are. We got a break and ran with it."

"I'll be fun over here. We came over to see a different culture and play some baseball. It's fun to watch the Japanese players. It's impressive to see how they are such big fans of baseball. They're taught well — and taught from an early age."

Nearby, Wilson threw some batting prac-

tice to the kids in center field. His pointers certainly resonated with 12-year-old D.J. Roberts, a Yokota dependent who hopes to become a major league someday.

"It was pretty cool being taught by someone who actually lived my dream," Roberts said.

Said Wilson, "It's awesome to come out with the kids. We do some camps in America, but it's a different perspective over here."

Many flocked into right field, where Redman talked pitching and showed off the World Series ring he picked up with the Florida Marlins in 2003.

"Everyone's very nice and courteous over here. They seem to go out of their way to help us," Redman said. "If I can give something to these kids and help them live out a dream that I'm living, I'm glad to do it."

"We appreciate the support of the troops, and we want to thank them for making this world a safe place to live. Thanks very much for all you do."

"It's nice when you see players who are obviously famous and wealthy and don't have to do this come out to see the sons and daughters of America's servicemembers."

Col. Doug Kreulen

374th Airlift Wing vice commander

and help them live out a dream that I'm living, I'm glad to do it."

DODEA seeks volunteers

Department of Defense Education Activity officials on Guam are seeking volunteers to work with School Improvement Leadership Team committees, according to a Navy news release.

The North Central Association on Accreditation Agency requires that SILET teams include a principal, military command representative, parents and teachers, according to the release.

Sue Burdick, deputy superintendent with the district superintendent's office, stated in the release that parents who volunteer can help effect change.

"They [PARENTS] can help develop family involvement and school improvement plans, participate in the development of

school policy and procedures, and provide community representation and support. These groups take the lead in assessing school needs, developing school goals and monitoring programs for continuous improvement," Burdick was quoted as saying.

For more information, call Andersen Elementary School at 366-2171; Andersen Middle School at 366-5970/3880; Commander William C. McCol Elementary/Middle School at 339-8676; and Guam High School at 349-5410.

Holiday craft fair

More than 50 vendors are expected at the Guam Naval Officers Spouse Connection's "Christmas Street Fair" Saturday from 9

a.m. to 2 p.m. at Top O' the Mar, according to a news release from Guam Naval Base.

Proceeds will benefit "Operation Christmas Drop," an annual event in which the U.S. military airdrops supplies and gifts to small islands in the region.

Entrance fees are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

Call 564-1330 for more information.

Earthquake aid

TOKYO — The U.S. government has donated an additional \$100,000 to the victims of recent earthquakes in Niigata Prefecture, according to a U.S. Embassy press release dated Friday.

The funds will be used to assist in logistics support for transporta-

tion of emergency relief items, according to the release.

The U.S. government donated \$50,000 last month to the people of Niigata.

A series of earthquakes in Niigata since Oct. 23 has killed 39 people, injured 2,616, and forced more than 34,000 from their homes, as of Saturday morning, according to Niigata Prefectural Office.

Zama High career fair

Zama High School's AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) class is hosting a career fair on Monday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Parents, students and community members are invited to attend the event, which takes place in the high school's forum.

Education survey

Department of Defense Education Activity officials have launched their 2004 customer satisfaction survey, according to a news release issued last week. The survey is open to students in grades 4 through 12, parents, sponsors and teachers.

The forum is designed to trigger feedback on DODEA schools, programs and activities. The anonymous, online survey may be completed through Feb. 28 by entering DODEA's Web site at www.dodea.edu and clicking on "Customer Satisfaction Survey." Print versions are available at all DODEA schools, and the survey takes 10-20 minutes to complete.

From staff reports

General leads charge against sexual assault

By JOSH WHITE

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sexual assaults by servicemembers against colleagues have dogged the military recently because of increased reports of such attacks in Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan and a blistering Pentagon task force report earlier this year that said the Defense Department wasn't doing enough to help victims or punish offenders.

The Defense Department has turned to an experienced Air Force commander and educator to develop a global plan for combating the crime.

Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain, commander of the new Joint Task Force for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, is setting out to change attitudes and educate hundreds of thousands of people about the sensitive topic.

She envisions the most successful approach as one that capitalizes on the military's "team" concept to train soldiers and officers about what is and is not acceptable behavior. "The military is a team. Successful teams are based on people who rely on each other, who can trust each other," McClain said in a recent interview at the Pentagon. "An assault on one is an assault on the team."

And who would want to weaken the team by attacking a teammate? Who would want to steal something from someone you have to rely on in combat? It is this logic that she thinks can break through.

"Our culture will allow us to make great progress," she said. "It's a difficult subject to discuss because it's personal, because it's sexual, and we as a society don't deal well with that."

McClain said the military could be a great model for dealing with sexual assault if the right policies are set up and followed.

According to the Pentagon, there were 901 cases of alleged assault throughout the Defense Department in 2002 and 1,012 in 2003, numbers that high-ranking Pentagon officials believe represent a fraction of the actual cases

Resistance against female VMI cadets beginning to fade

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Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain

Title: Commander, Joint Task Force for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response.

Education: Bachelor's degree in secondary education, Oklahoma State University; master's in public administration, Troy State University; student, NATO Defense College, Rome.

Family: Single; a son and two granddaughters.

Career highlights: Deputy director of operations for technical training, headquarters, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas; commander, 314th Mission Support Group, Little Rock Air Force Base; commander, Air Reserve Personnel Center, Denver; commander, 17th Training Wing, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas; director for manpower, personnel and support, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii.

Pastimes: Yoga.

The Washington Post

because victims often are reluctant to come forward.

The task force also found that the military is failing to protect female soldiers and isn't adequately punishing offenders.

McClain said she is focused on bringing together what she called a "fragmented effort" to deal with sexual assault across the military services, one that has major gaps and is in need of a single point of authority to provide direction. McClain is now that single point of authority.

"We have the opportunity to have a far-reaching, long-lasting impact," McClain said. "There are a million people in the Department of Defense, and we can put together a program that will hope-

fully make these people more safe and more secure."

McClain is leading an eight-person team that first came together two weeks ago, a team that aims to improve prevention, ensure support for victims and ensure offender accountability.

McClain's team will first work to provide a military-wide definition of sexual assault, one that she hopes will be clear, in plain English and applicable under current military law. She said there is confusion in the field over what constitutes a sexual assault.

"You have to draw your boundaries very clearly," she said.

A recent conference of 150 people from all military services recommended that the department look at five areas, the first of which was coming up with a definition of sexual assault. They also recommended working on how to improve reporting, how to increase transparency in response efforts while also protecting servicemembers' privacy, how to improve the response capability and how to treat foreign nationals who are involved in sexual assault cases. An Oct. 6 summit with top defense leaders gave a go-ahead to McClain's groups to work on those recommendations.

McClain opened her Arlington, Va., office Oct. 12 and has begun organizing, doing strategic planning and getting ready to develop the groundwork for dealing with sexual assault across the military.

"Society is grappling with it just as we are grappling with it," she said, expressing dismay that because sexual assault is so underreported, it is affecting far more people than the statistics show.

McClain said her focus will be on education and training, areas she is experienced in. She most recently was deputy director of operations for technical training at the Headquarters Air Education and Training Command at Rand-



Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain has developed a global plan to combat sexual assaults in the U.S. military.

dolph Air Force Base in Texas. She has three previous commands, leading the 314th Mission Support Group at Little Rock Air Force Base; the 17th Training Wing at Goodfellow Air Force Base in Texas; and the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver.

A major part of the educational effort will be to encourage people to come forward when they've been attacked and to break down barriers to reporting. McClain said sexual assault investigations can often cause a stigma to victims, further isolating them and causing increasing psychological damage.

McClain said her efforts could make more cases to be reported and investigated, but she thinks the military is prepared to handle the influx of cases.

"If you can prevent it, you don't have to worry about responding," McClain said. "That's our goal, to prevent it from happening... The hardest part is getting them to understand and change some attitudes. It is an educational effort just as it is in society."

Lawyer: Guardt. unfairly punished

The Associated Press

CHERRY HILL, N.J. — A lieutenant in the New Jersey National Guard — sent home after she was allegedly raped on a Mississippi base — has been declared absent without leave in an attempt to force her to return to her old unit, her lawyer charged.

Attorney Frederick Klepp said the Army has not responded to his proposal that the lieutenant be allowed to report to a New Jersey base to avoid prosecution. She would then begin the process of leaving the Guard, Klepp said.

The woman told The Oregonian newspaper she met the alleged attacker Aug. 8 at a bar at Camp Shelby, where she was stationed.

The man also is an officer in the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

She refused an invitation to his quarters and turned down his request to go home with her, she said. He persisted, she said, and followed her home and turned up in her room, where he allegedly raped her.

She said the Army initially did not want to grant her convalescent leave. A base chaplain, however, helped persuade authorities to let her return to her New Jersey home. Klepp said she has been in counseling.

But she has since learned that until she returns to her unit, she can be prosecuted in military court for being AWOL.

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Insurgent strikes kill more than 30 in Iraq



U.S. Marines of the 1st Division fire off a mortar round during training at their base outside Fallujah on Saturday. More than 10,000 U.S. troops have taken positions around the rebel-controlled city.

16 U.S. GIs wounded by Ramadi car bomb

By ROBERT H. REID
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Facing a major assault in Fallujah, insurgents struck back Saturday with suicide car bombs, mortars and rockets across a wide swath of central Iraq, killing over 30 people and wounding more than 60 others, including nearly two dozen Americans.

Those attacks — including use of police vehicles as car bombs — could have been aimed at relieving pressure on Fallujah, where about 10,000 American troops are massing for a major assault. U.S. jets pounded Fallujah early Saturday in the heaviest airstrikes in six months — including five 500-pound bombs dropped on insurgent targets.

The deadliest attacks Saturday occurred in Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, where insurgents stormed a police station, triggered at least two suicide car bombs and fired mortars at government installations. One of the

car bombs, which targeted the mayor's office, was a stolen Iraqi police vehicle, the U.S. military said.

Twenty-nine people, including 17 police and 12 Iraqi civilians, were killed throughout the city, the U.S. military said. Arabic language television stations said more than 30 died as gangs of insurgents roamed the city, clashing with American and Iraqi forces.

The dead included the local Iraqi National Guard commander, Abdel Razeq Shaker al-Garnai, hospital officials said. Another 40 people, including 17 policemen, were injured, the military said.

U.S. military vehicles roamed through the besieged city using loudspeakers to announce an indefinite curfew starting at 2 p.m. Saturday. American warplanes and helicopters roamed the skies, and residents said U.S. troops were conducting house-to-house searches late Saturday.

Elsewhere, 16 American sol-

diers were wounded Saturday when a suicide bomber using an Iraqi police car rammed their convoy in Ramadi, a major city in the volatile Sunni Triangle. U.S. officials said. They gave no further details, citing security.

Three other American troops were wounded when a car bomb exploded near the entrance to Baghdad International Airport. One Iraqi was killed and another injured, the U.S. military said. Three Hunwees were heavily damaged, witnesses said.

Two Marines were injured by a car bomb near a Fallujah checkpoint and a U.S. soldier was wounded when a roadside bomb exploded south of Fallujah.

"I cannot claim that entering Fallujah will end the terrorist attacks in Iraq," Iraq's national security adviser, Qassem Dawoud, told Al-Arabiya television. "But I can say that we will deal with a very big pocket of terrorism in Iraq and we will uproot it. This pocket forms the backbone and the center for terrorists in other areas in Iraq."



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U.S., Seoul to push for new six-nation talks

BY SANG-HUN CHOE

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's South and President Bush have agreed to seek an early resumption of stalled six-nation talks aimed at curbing communist North Korea's nuclear weapons programs, President Roh Moo-hyun's office said in a statement Saturday.

Roh responded positively to the proposal Roh made during a 10-minute phone conversation late Friday, Korean officials said. The South Korean president had called the American leader to con-

gratulate him on his re-election and reaffirm the U.S.-South Korea alliance.

"President Roh suggested that the two heads of state work through close consultations and try to resolve the North Korean nuclear issue as a key project and pave the way for a turning point for peace on the Korean Peninsula and for the rest of the world," the statement said.

"The two leaders agreed that South Korea and the United States should make joint efforts to hold a next round of six-nation talks soon," it added.

Later Saturday, visiting Japa-

nese Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura told Roh that Tokyo will urge North Korea during meetings in Pyongyang next week to accept an unconditional resumption of the six-nation talks by the end of the year, Japan's Kyodo news agency reported.

Machimura said that Japan will decide on whether to impose economic sanctions against North Korea after next week's talks on the fate of Japanese nuclear ships, by the communist state, Kyodo reported.

Roh urged Japan to keep "a broader viewpoint in mind," indicating that stumbling blocks in bi-

lateral ties should not hinder multinational efforts to rid North Korea of its nuclear weapons ambitions, his office said.

So far, South Korea has not favored economic sanctions as a way of pressuring North Korea, saying such moves would hike tensions.

But during Machimura's meeting with South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon on Saturday, the two countries reached a basic agreement to extend for another year the freeze on a \$4.6 billion nuclear reactor project in North Korea, Kyodo said.

The United States, South

Korea, Japan and the European Union promised two power-generating reactors in North Korea after the North agreed in 1994 to freeze its nuclear facilities.

They suspended that project for one year until Dec. 1, 2004, after suspicions arose in late 2002 that North Korea violated the 1994 agreement by running a secret weapons program.

With the rekindled nuclear dispute unresolved, the United States and its allies have been discussing whether to extend the suspension for another year, as a possible inducement for more North Korean cooperation in six-nation disarmament talks.



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Iraq beheadings inspiring worldwide trend

BY LOUIS MEIXLER
The Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — It was called "Operation Baghdad" and, to be sure, the headless bodies of the three police officers recalled the violence in that city. But these attacks happened in Haiti, not in Iraq.

The brutal beheadings in Iraq appear to have inspired militants in other parts of the world who are drawn to the shock value of the horrifying attacks and the intense publicity they attract.

Thailand and the Netherlands are two other countries where suspected extremists recently beheaded or slit the throats of their victims in what appear to be copycat attacks.

Rime Alfall, associate fellow at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, said beheadings are spreading because the practice "has so horrified us in the West."

"It achieves results and it makes the headlines," Alfall added.

The horrifying tactic has spread as far as the Caribbean island nation of Haiti, where loyalists of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide seized on the Iraq beheadings as a symbol of strength and intimidation.

The headless bodies of three police officers were found in Port-au-Prince early last month, and authorities said the militants had launched a terror campaign called "Operation Baghdad."

Nobody claimed responsibility for the decapitations, but Aristide supporters echoed that thought.

"We'll be in the streets until death or Aristide comes back," protester Mito Fenelon said a few days later. "We won't stop. If they come in here, we're going to cut off their

heads. It's going to be just like Baghdad."

In Thailand this week, a Buddhist village leader was beheaded after being shot in the chest. A note was left on his body saying his slaying was to avenge the killing of Muslim rioters by government forces.

And in Amsterdam, a suspected Islamic extremist shot and killed Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh, then slit his throat. A note was left impaled by a knife on his body quoting from the Quran and threatening more killings.

"It's an ideal terrorist tool," said Jonathan Stevenson, senior fellow for counterterrorism at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in Washington. "It is a horrifying image and I would say it is disproportionately frightening."

The first beheading by Islamic militants in Iraq was the slaying in May of American civilian Nicholas Berg. The killers posted a video on the Internet showing them pushing a bound Berg to his side, putting a large knife to his neck and cutting off his head as a scream sounded and the killers shouted "Allahu akbar!" — "God is great!"

A month later, an al-Qaida-linked Saudi group beheaded an American engineer in Saudi Arabia. The group did not mention Iraq but the executioners called themselves the "Fuljiah Brigade" after the city in Iraq that U.S. forces had been besieging. Since then, at least 12 foreigners, including three other Americans, have been beheaded in Iraq as part of a wave of kidnappings. Videos and the Internet were used to distribute the horrifying images across the world, compounding the shock value.

"I think the initial reason for the beheadings was true shock and awe," Alfall said. "These people are extremely media savvy."



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Afghan kidnappers say U.N. talks postponed

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Militants threatening to kill three U.S. hostages said Saturday that talks with Afghan and U.N. officials had been postponed for another day.

President-elect Hamid Karzai renewed his condemnation of the abduction and received a promise from his visiting Pakistani counterpart of closer cooperation in combating terrorism.

Authorities have not confirmed any contact with Jaish-e-Muslimeen, a Taliban splinter group demanding a U.N. pullout from Afghanistan and the release of Taliban prisoners.

Syed Khaleel, a spokesman for the militants, initially said talks

had begun Saturday at a secret location in southern Afghanistan.

But he later said that an Afghan government delegation arrived too late.

"Our people thought the talks might continue late into the night, so the two sides agreed to hold them tomorrow," Khaleel told The Associated Press by telephone. "We hope that the Afghan government delegation will be empowered to solve the issue quickly."

His claims could not be independently verified.

The abduction of Annetta Flanagan of Northern Ireland, Annette Nayan of the Philippines, and Shiqe Hebbi of Kosovo was the first of foreigners in Kabul since the Taliban was ousted in 2001.

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Senator: School strafing 'incomprehensible'

BY WAYNE PARRY

The Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Calling the accidental strafing of a school by a fighter jet "totally incomprehensible," Sen. Frank Lautenberg called on the Air National Guard to halt all training flights over New Jersey until an investigation is complete.

The New Jersey Democrat on Friday demanded a "guarantee that nothing like this can ever happen again."

Nobody was injured when the rounds hit the Little Egg Harbor Intermediate School just after 10 p.m. Wednesday. A custodian

was the only employee in the section of the building that was hit; she was not hurt.

National Guard officials are trying to figure out why the pilot opened fire from 7,000 feet with 25 rounds from a wing-mounted M61-A1 Vulcan cannon. The pilot, who was not identified by the military, was supposed to be aiming at a target on a practice range 3½ miles away.

Operations at the firing range have been halted while the incident is investigated.

At least eight of the 2-inch-long bullets penetrated classrooms, Little Egg Harbor Police Chief Mark Sino said. The rounds also punctured the school's roof, knocked

down ceiling tiles and scratched the pavement.

The school was closed Thursday and Friday because of a teachers' convention. Mike Dupuis, president of the township Board of Education, said the damage was minor and the school will reopen Monday.

The jet belongs to the 113th Wing of the District of Columbia National Guard, and is based at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland.

Army Maj. Sheldon Smith, a spokesman for the District of Columbia National Guard, said of Lautenberg's request, "I think we have been suspending flying over there until this investigation is complete."

Smith could not say how long that would take.

"They're going to be looking at the gun and anything else they can to determine why the weapon fired, as well as interviewing the pilot," he said. "We want to make sure that if there is a problem we correct it right away."

Smith said this was the unit's first accident with its F-16s in 14 years of flying them.

The 113th has been in the air over Washington 24 hours a day since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Some of its pilots have flown missions during the Iraq war, and in the fly-by zones above Iraq before the war, Smith said.



Magma in the crater of Mount St. Helens glows in this United States Geological Survey photo taken at twilight Thursday.

Magma rising inside Mt. St. Helens

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — The new lava lobe inside Mount St. Helens' crater has sprouted a piston-like protrusion the size of a 30-story building — glowing red at night.

"The magma is pushing the plug upward. It's going high in the sky," said hydrologist Carolyn Driedger of the U.S. Geological Survey at the Cascades Volcano Observatory in Vancouver, about 50 miles from the southwestern Washington mountain.

One section of the new lobe has risen by 330 feet in the past nine days, Driedger said Friday. Exact dimensions are not yet known but will be determined from photos taken Thursday.

The new lobe, which began building last month, had grown to roughly the size of an aircraft carrier. Scientists described it as 900 feet long and 250 feet wide. Magma, or molten rock, is reaching the surface at the rate of 7 to 8 cubic meters — about one large dump truck load — every second, Wynn said.

Keating takes over top Northcom post

BY DAVID KELLY

Los Angeles Times

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Reflecting growing fears that a major terror attack could come by sea, a top U.S. naval officer officially took over the U.S. Northern Command Friday, vowing to enhance maritime security nationwide.

Adm. Timothy J. Keating, who is replacing retiring Air Force Gen. Ralph Eberhart, said terrorists think that America's ports are vulnerable.

"It hasn't received a lot of attention because of the way they came at us on Sept. 11," he told reporters. "It may not be our biggest vulnerability, but it might be the way that terrorists think they might best attack us."

Northcom was established two years ago to coordinate homeland defense efforts alongside the North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD, which patrols the skies daily along with Canadian forces.

Keating took control of both commands in a solemn ceremony here Friday, attended by hundreds of military personnel and dignitaries such as Deputy U.S. Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers.

"The cold-blooded murder of



Adm. Timothy J. Keating

3,000 Americans and citizens of many other countries Sept. 11 put us once again in the middle of a war we didn't go looking for, a war that came to us," Wolfowitz said.

"The defense of our homeland depends today on the work of Northern Command. This is a long, hard fight. But make no mistake, it's a fight we will win."

The secretary said Northcom had been successful in keeping the country safe during events seen as potential terrorist targets: two State of the Union addresses, two national political conventions, the G-8 Summit in Georgia

and the funeral of Ronald Reagan, along with other events.

Eberhart, a former fighter pilot who flew 300 combat missions in Vietnam, was lauded as a warrior and visionary. His work, Meyers said, had lowered the risk of nuclear, biological or chemical attack on America.

"Ed set the bar very high at Northcom," he said. "Under his leadership, our nation is safer than it once was."

A few months ago, Eberhart warned that the next terror attack likely would come by sea because of porous security and the failure to ascertain the contents of the thousands of containers that flood into American ports daily.

In his farewell speech Friday, the general warned against complacency.

"What is important today is a future where we must not be future apathetic," Eberhart said. "Every time you are tempted to close your eyes, see those twin towers explode, see the scar on the Pentagon and that field in Pennsylvania."

The choice of a naval commander to run an operation dominated by Air Force officers reflects the new reality of terrorism that can come from air, land or sea.

Keating is a former Navy fighter pilot who made 120 landings on aircraft carriers and flew combat missions in Operation Desert Storm.

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'Skirt Day' and the signs of change at VMI

Administrator pushes female cadets to fit in while maintaining their femininity

BY TIMOTHY DWYER
The Washington Post

LEXINGTON, Va. — Not long after L.E. Hurlbut retired from the Air Force and moved her family from Washington to this idyllic college town to become assistant commander for cadet life at Virginia Military Institute, she began hearing complaints from some female students about her appearance.

Hurlbut, the second-highest ranking woman in the VMI administration, had spent 26 years in the Air Force, rising through the ranks from second lieutenant to colonel. She served 14 years at the Pentagon and two years at the White House — and in all that time, she had never heard any complaints.

But at VMI, the women told Hurlbut she looked too good. She dressed smartly in her Air Force colonel's uniform, applied makeup before reporting for duty and preferred skirts to pants.

"I came on their turf and was being perhaps too female for them," Hurlbut said. "And there were some rocky times. When I asked them why they weren't wearing their skirts, they said that they didn't want to stand out, that they wanted to be one of the guys. It was a bit of a struggle to get them to regain their femininity."

As recently as 2001, when Hurlbut arrived at VMI, the concept of femininity on campus was completely foreign. For more than 160 years, VMI was a bastion of everything Southern, military and male.

In the last quarter of the 20th century, while the military and its service academies accepted women, promoted them and expanded their roles to combat, VMI stood resolutely still. VMI only began accepting women in 1996, when the U.S. Supreme Court ordered the change, ending the school's bitter six-year legal battle to keep its all-male status.

Now, the female cadets can easily be feminine and still gain acceptance. This fall, the eighth class of female cadets entered VMI. Administrators and male and female students said that a great deal of progress has been made in accepting women into the corps and that the goal is to increase the number of females. This year, 82 women are among more than 1,300 stu-

dents at VMI.

"I think 82 women is too small," said retired Army Gen. J.H. Peay III, who became VMI superintendent in July 2003. "I'd like to get that number up. Maybe we can grow it to 100 in two to three years and then, in three to five years, maybe 130 to 150. The challenge is, really, twofold. You have to bring the right women in who want to be here — women that have the academic credentials and the physical credentials — and then you have to retain them."

Such a goal might have been impossible a few years ago, before Hurlbut and Peay arrived. Hurlbut views herself as an agent of change on campus, arriving five years after the first class of women. She found that some female cadets had surrendered a little bit of themselves by trying to fit in with the guys at VMI.

"It was a bit of a struggle to get them to regain their femininity."

L.E. Hurlbut
VMI administrator

And so this agent of change, on a spring day in 2002, organized the first "Skirt Day" in VMI's history. A small number of female cadets, encouraged by Hurlbut, fell out for revealing that morning wearing school-issued skirts as part of their uniforms.

There were a few catcalls and a few looks, Hurlbut recalled. "Most of the guys had never seen them in skirts. But we did it again the next day, and there were a few more women wearing them, and the reaction (among the men) was unremarkable. And now it is absolutely unremarkable."

For many women on campus, that kind of acceptance is a dream. "I've come out on the outside here," said Anya Kovarik, 20, a junior from Clayton, N.C., who was also accepted at West Point. "They are part of the corps. They are here. ... It was honestly between West Point and here for me, and I was impressed with the physical training here and wanted a chance to compete on the same scale as the men."

Although students and administrators said VMI has made strides transforming to a co-ed college, issues still arise and resistance still exists among male students and alumni to accepting women fully as students and administrators.

Hurlbut found that out her first day on the job. Her office was on the first floor of the barracks, a facility containing rooms on four tiers that open out to a central courtyard. Not long after Hurlbut settled in behind her desk for the first time, she



Retired Colonel L.E. Hurlbut, deputy commander for Cadet Life at Virginia Military Institute, looks out from her office on the campus in Lexington, Va., in October.

heard a group of male cadets outside using profane language. She went outside to correct their behavior. When she approached, wearing her Air Force colonel's uniform, the cadets, mostly seniors, refused to salute her. Her first instinct was to discipline them, but she didn't. Instead, she ordered them into her office.

"Well, it was stunning to me," she recalled, "because obviously I have never experienced that in my career. But part of me being here is about teaching and learning, and so I needed to learn why they weren't saluting. I needed to teach them what the appropriate behavior was. We talked about it. I let them vent all they wanted — the fact that they didn't want me here, they didn't want women here — and by the time we were done, we had a professional agreement that even though they didn't want me here, they had to keep their opinions to themselves and had to render the proper respect when they saw me."

They all saluted her before leaving her office.

Hurlbut grew up on a farm in Chazy, N.Y., near Lake Champlain, where New

York, Canada and Vermont come together. She attended Arizona State University, in part, she jokes, to get away from brutal Update New York winters. She joined the ROTC and was a trailblazer, becoming the first ROTC woman commander in school history. She was commissioned in the Air Force on her 21st birthday.

When Hurlbut decided to retire from active duty, she found VMI appealing because it allowed her to continue her military affiliation. She liked the idea of working in a military setting and having a role of training future military leaders.

Hurlbut, who is married and has four children, said many of the women cadets see her as a mother figure whom they can talk to about everything from what classes they should take to the intense physical training they must undergo at VMI.

Since she has been at VMI, she has seen a change in the kinds of questions and problems women cadets bring to her office.

"Initially," she said, "there were a lot [of] survival questions, and they have evolved into more professionally based questions in terms of what position they should go for within the corps, what kind of job will get them better prepared for their future in military service."

Three years ago, she said, women at VMI still were unsure about how they fit in, and they didn't feel accepted by the male cadets.

"There was a huge difference for many of them who came from co-ed high schools and now suddenly they had to compete with men in areas where, perhaps, they never had before," Hurlbut said.

"And they found out that looking pretty at VMI doesn't get you anywhere. It is all about performance, which gets you the respect in the corps. If you are physically fit and academically proficient, you gain the respect of the corps."

Petty graduated from VMI in 1962 and retired from the Army as a four-star general after serving as commander of the U.S. Central Command — which oversees Iran, Iraq and the rest of the Persian Gulf, as well as Afghanistan, Pakistan and the Horn of Africa. He said resistance to having female cadets is lessening among the student body and alumni.

"But I want to minimize that statement," he said. "We are all good soldiers. The decision was made, we saluted and we are moving out and providing a quality program for young men and women."

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Frampton comes alive with political calling

BY LISA CORNWELL
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The long blond hair and graying magazine covers that forged British rock star Peter Frampton's image as a teen idol of the 1970s are gone.

That's just fine with the recently naturalized U.S. citizen, who is pouring his passion into writing and performing new music — and becoming a political activist in America's heartland.

The 54-year-old guitarist and singer had the best-selling live album ever — 1976's "Frampton Comes Alive!" — with hits such as "Show Me the Way" and "Do You

Feel Like We Do?" He is grateful for his early success, but relieved to be appreciated more today as a musician than a rock idol.

"Frampton Comes Alive!" was so enormous that it almost became a living entity," Frampton said in an interview at his suburban Cincinnati home. "I made a lot of mistakes like posing for a Rolling Stone magazine cover and thinking they really wouldn't use the one photo I let



Frampton

them take of me without a shirt."

Frampton's career began to slide in the 1980s until an invitation from friend and fellow rocker David Bowie to play lead guitar on his 1987 "World Tour."

Frampton moved to Cincinnati four years ago with his wife, Tina, and their 8-year-old daughter to be closer to his wife's family.

"Family is what's most important," said Frampton, whose family also includes his son and daughter and his wife's daughter from previous marriages. "We have a rule where if I am going to be away for two weeks, I come home in between."

Frampton, a native of Beckenham, England, said he was motivated to become an

American citizen by the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. He also has become active in national politics.

He volunteered to perform at a private fund-raising concert in Cincinnati this summer for Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry and appeared on stage in Toledo, Ohio, recently with rock musicians Neil Young and Pearl Jam as part of the "Vote For Change" tour.

"I was pretty naive about American politics," he said, laughing about coming out of a grocery to find someone had removed the Kerry sticker from his car. "Now I have one inside my car window so no one can take it."

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OPINION

Message sent: democrats lack messenger

In the end this was as it began — an election that essentially was a referendum on the administration of George W. Bush, with John Kerry at times almost incidental to the process.

Dan Thomasson



So now Democrats, without the coalition that kept them in the congressional majority for much of the last two-thirds of the past century, must once again search for a message that, as former Senate Democratic leader George Mitchell put it, will restore their identity as a national party. It will be a daunting task requiring an abandonment of out-

moded concepts that have afflicted their leaders and, even more importantly, their political strategies.

If nothing else, this election showed that the nation's conservative stripe has not faded since Ronald Reagan and that, even during these times of terrorism and warfare, social issues are a driving force for many voters — that abortion and guns and gay marriage are concerns that coalesce in the Republican base, just as economic considerations and liberal causes did for Roosevelt, Truman and Kennedy Democrats.

By all history measurement, the large turnout should not have favored the incumbent, especially in the midst of a war that polls show an increasing number of Americans think was a bad idea. ... Kerry just had to show up, be acceptable and not make any major mistakes. The youth vote, fed by fears

of a new military draft and led by iconic rock stars; women who opposed the president's anti-abortion stance, and the blue-collar work force faced with the prospect of steadily declining visibility should overwhelm the polls for him, according to the prognosis, offsetting the evangelicals with their 19th century ideals.

But the results were something else. The 18-to-34 voters, as many political experts privately feared, acted pretty much as they always have — they didn't show up. Ironically, many of those who did were far more conservative than their '60s predecessors.

Instead, the "value" voters overwrought about Kerry's liberal Senate record and party positions on social issues were the ones who did, producing record numbers at polling places almost everywhere. There always was a feeling the pollsters were missing a crucial bloc of the electorate, the white, lower-middle-income voter whose concerns about the loss of jobs was superseded only by their fear that someone would take away their firearms or convince their daughter to terminate a pregnancy. It became real.

Party leaders also believed that they could overcome Kerry's considerable lack of charisma and his past ambivalence on national issues. His patrician New England upbringing — while potentially off-putting in Middle America — would be displaced, strategists believed, by voter concerns over traditional issues such as the deficit and growing U.S. isolation from the rest of the world.

Historian Doris Kearns Goodwin said it otherwise, contending that while Kerry's mouth said one thing, value-oriented voters were convinced that his heart matinee was his rhetoric on things that mattered to them. With Bill Clinton it had been just the opposite. His much humbler upbringing, South-



ern charm and obvious like of people were in sharp contrast to Kerry's stilled, frequently sonorous pronouncements. ... Clinton's abbreviated campaigning for Kerry probably was more a detriment than a help to the nominee because it merely highlighted Kerry's failure to connect, reminding voters what they were missing.

All this leaves Democrats struggling to find a new means of defining themselves. Having lost the White House, Congress for 12 years and most of the statehouses, it should be obvious by now that Roosevelt liberalism isn't the answer, "stu-

pid." This is a party sorely in need of someone ... who understands that this is basically a moderate, mainstream electorate not willing to stray far to the right or the left. ...

Recapitulating the campaign of 2004, historians are likely to say that the incumbent stayed on message, not swerving through an arduous campaign, and remained faithful to his core beliefs and those of his base, right or wrong. Qualities Americans like. In the end, his thomasson message carried the referendum.

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Nations must reassess now that Bush has new term

Washington demonstrated at the polls that America is still the land of the Lincoln, even if Illinois no longer may be. Not since 1864 has the outcome of a war depended on how we voted. In 1864, military victory over Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman's capture of Atlanta — pre-empted political victory.

Jack Kelly



Without that battlefield triumph to buoy spirits, President Lincoln all most certainly would have lost, as a war-weary North likely would have preferred dissolution of the Union to continued conflict.

In 2004, political victory presages military victory. The most immediate losers abroad are the terrorist thugs in Fallujah, who are about to have the hammer fall on them.

The hammer would have dropped on Fallujah in any event — Bush would have been president until January even if Kerry had won — but now al-Qaida and the Baathist remnants in the renegade town know they are going to die in vain. There still will be no January no rest, no respite, no sanctuary from President Bush's relentless pursuit.

Another loser is Osama bin Laden. He was reduced to trying to influence our election with a videotape, apparently because his network was unable to pull off here the kind of terrorist atrocities that influenced the Spanish election.

There has been no successful terrorist attack on American soil since Sept. 11, 2001. I'm not at all certain that that would have been the case if Al Gore or John Kerry were president.

"People are telling you [this] will be the

most important election of our lives," wrote former Air Force pilot and Web logger Bill Clinton, a Gore supporter in 2000, a few days before the vote. "That is not true. The most important election of your lives was held on Tuesday, Nov. 7th, 2000. You just didn't know it. Neither did I."

"What happened on that day led to one man being in the White House these last four years, rather than the other one," Whittie said. "George W. Bush was commander in chief when we needed him most."

The war on terror is likely to outlast a second Bush term. But the president can now put us far enough down the path to victory that no future Democratic president would want — or be able — to deflect us from it.

Now that it is clear that this tough, determined man will be in the White House for four more years, backed by a majority of the American people and solid majorities in

both houses of Congress, those abroad who strew obstacles in our path are undergoing what pundits call "agonizing reassessment."

Buoyed by Kerry's promise to reopen the kind of bilateral negotiations under which the Clinton administration gave financial aid to North Korea to not develop nuclear weapons, while permitting North Korea to continue its weapons program in secret, North Korea walked out of six-party talks with the United States, South Korea, Japan, Russia and China, and escalated its anti-American rhetoric.

But North Korea is likely to return to six-party talks on its nuclear programs now that the U.S. presidential election is over, South Korean foreign minister Ban Ki-moon said, according to a South Korean news agency.

European nations that tried to hobble our efforts in Iraq are striving to get back in our

good graces: "I hope your second term will provide an opportunity to reinforce the Franco-American friendship," French President Jacques Chirac wrote in a letter to Bush.

The leaders of Spain and Germany and the president of the European Union were also hastening to make nice.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said he "felt joy" at Bush's re-election.

"International terrorism gave itself the goal of not allowing the re-election of President Bush," Putin said. "Our relations in the last four years have undergone a big change, for the good of our peoples. ... [Bush] is a reliable and predictable partner. He has proven to be a firm man, with a strong character, and a coherent policy."

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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Border produce

AZ PHOENIX — Federal inspectors loosened restrictions on Mexican produce at some ports of entry in Arizona, state agricultural officials said.

Tighter inspection requirements had been placed on Mexican produce after a Medfly outbreak began in Tijuana, Mexico, south of San Diego. All shipments coming across the U.S.-Mexico border were being inspected for Medflies, which can attack more than 250 kinds of fruits, nuts and vegetables.

With the change in restrictions Wednesday, importers will still need to demonstrate that produce didn't originate in Tijuana, but thorough inspections will be done only on one in 20 shipments at most Arizona ports of entry.

The looser restrictions affect ports stretching from Lukeville to Texas.

Heavier inspection requirements, however, will remain in San Luis, south of Yuma, and ports of entry to the west. They will also apply to crops considered a high risk.

Campaign of inaction

AR SPRINGDALE — Want to get elected to the Springdale City Council? Don't spend a dime or give a speech, say you're too busy to campaign, then drop out of the race.

Hey, it worked for Mike Overton.

"I didn't have time to do any campaigning and spent no money on campaigning," the Springdale real estate salesman said.

Overton defeated Rex Bailey for the spot with 53 percent of the vote. Bailey, who captured 47 percent, said he raised more than \$12,000.

"I ran as hard as I could," Bailey said. "He beat me. I congratulated him."

Overton withdrew from the race in October, saying he didn't have time to serve because of his business interests. But the ballots were sent before that announcement.

Overton says he'll take the job anyway.

"After what I consider to be a mandate, considering the circumstances, I think it's my obligation to serve after the confidence the average citizens have placed with me," Overton said. "I'm humbled and, at the same time, ecstatic over the outcome."

Committed citizen

PA HARRISBURG — Dr. Andrea Shaer, in labor with her third child, went to bed before she went to the delivery room. But with more than 100 people lined up at the polling station at Penn State Milton S. Eisenhower Medical Center, Shaer changed her mind.

Shaer, a nephrologist, or kidney doctor, gave birth to a son, Jack, and returned to vote Tuesday night 30 minutes before the polls closed, intravenous drip in tow.

"Knowing how close the race is in Pennsylvania and being a mom, with all the issues there, I just had to try," to vote, Shaer said.

Shaer works at the medical center. She awoke at 5 a.m. Tuesday when her water broke.



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Artistic dispute

HI HONOLULU — A federal official is calling Bishop Museum's 2000 transfer of sacred artifacts to a Native Hawaiian group a "sham."

The review committee that oversees the Native American Graves and Protection Act announced it will meet in March to reconsider whether the museum properly transferred the 83 funerary objects, which are now reportedly buried in Forbes Cave on the Big Island.

On Tuesday, the NAGPRA panel held a teleconference so museum representatives and Native Hawaiian groups in Honolulu could discuss the dispute involving 13 groups who claim family or cultural ties to the artifacts.

The artifacts were taken from Kawaihewa cave on the Big Island in 1905 by David Forbes and sold to the Bishop Museum.

The museum had the artifacts in its possession until the late 1990s, when they were loaned to the Native Hawaiian group Hui Malama I Na Kupuna O Hawaii Nei, an organization that oversees perpetual care of Native Hawaiian remains. Instead of returning the items to the museum, the Native Hawaiian group said it put the objects back in the caves.

Let the beer flow

ME CORINTH — After more than 70 years with outlawed alcohol sales within town limits, voters in this Penobscot County burgh have approved a referendum to strike down the prohibition.

Residents voted 753-730 Tuesday in favor of the referendum to permit the operation of state and agency liquor stores. Several towns in Maine, including at least five others in Penobscot County, do not allow alcohol sales.

"I did not expect it to pass," said Ron Wilcox, a resident who voted against the ballot item. "It's kind of interesting that if 12 people had decided to vote the other way, it wouldn't have."

The referendum was the second time in less than six months that residents had voted on the alcohol issue. A similar vote to lift the alcohol ban failed by a vote of 402-334 in June.

Finally put away

MN MINNEAPOLIS — After 23 alcohol-related driving offenses in as many years, Raymond J. Sherman finally is going to prison.

He'd been drinking and driving for years, hadn't had a driver's license since 1984 and was released from jail in March after serving a 16-month drunken-driving sentence.

But it wasn't until he was charged in June with felony drunken driving and pleaded guilty in October that he faced prison time.

Before the law changed in 2002, drunken driving was a misdemeanor, no matter how many times an offender was convicted.

This week, Sherman, 42, of Apple Valley, Minn., was sentenced to five years and three months in prison by Judge Harry Crump.

Hacker indictment

TX AUSTIN — A former University of Texas student was indicted on charges he hacked into the school's computer system and stole Social Security numbers and other personal information from more than 37,000 students and employees.

In a four-count indictment announced Wednesday, Christopher Andrew Phillips, 21, was charged with fraud and storing credit card and bank account information with intent to defraud. He allegedly hacked into the system in February and March 2003.

Officials said the university spent \$167,000 responding to the security breach and warning people of possible identity theft.

Phillips was not accused of using the information for illegal purposes, and his attorney, Allan Williams, said his client had no criminal intent.

Moving along nicely

MI MUSKOGON — After an early end to its inaugural season, the Lake Express high-speed ferry that crossed Lake Michigan in 2½ hours is getting a rave review from Michigan tourism officials.

"We all had visions of what we thought might happen and in the end, the first season was a banner year for all involved," said Cindy Larsen, president of the Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce.

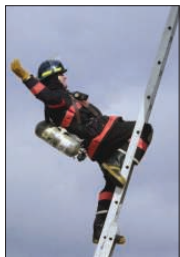
The \$18 million ferry began making the 76-mile run between Milwaukee and Muskegon beginning June 1. It has a capacity of 250 passengers and 46 vehicles.



Quick reflexes Lady Tiger Megan Luevano heads the ball while sitting on the bench during the varsity girls' practice at the Riner Steinhoff Soccerplex in Alamogordo, N.M.



Sticky fun Benjamin Mott laughs after being bombarded with whipped-cream covered marshmallows during the annual fall festival at the Boys and Girls Club of Glynn in Brunswick, Ga.



Firefighter training

After locking his legs more than two stories high on an extension ladder braced against the Owensboro Fire Department's training tower, in Owensboro, Ky., Brad Koy leans back as far as he's able.



Smile enlargement Grace Harris, 7, delights in the magnifying qualities of a sheet magnifier as she plays inside Edwardsville 8th precinct in the Madison Mutual Insurance Building in Edwardsville, Ill.



Youthful artist Shawnee Smith is silhouetted against the late afternoon sun as she paints a mural on the wall of the courtyard of the Harmony Elementary School in Harmony Township, N.J.



Playing hair dresser Brooke High Horse, 5, combs the hair of her aunt, Priscilla Good Shield, as they sit on the shore of Memorial Lake in Rapid City, S.D.



Desert snowstorm Chris Worthen, of Amarillo, Texas, rides his bike on a snowy trail near Amarillo, Texas.

Truck door kills man

PA GOULDSBORO — A man drove his pickup truck into a group of people outside a bar, killing one person and wounding two others, police said.

Leroy William Hill, of Bath, drove his truck into a group of bar patrons who had followed him and his friend, Devin Brown, out of Barb and Ron's Gouldsboro Inn, police said.

The two men went to the bar and later told investigators that some patrons were giving them strange looks and making comments, according to police. Brown told police they felt uncomfortable and decided to leave.

Hill said he put the truck in reverse and then put it in drive and drove off. But the passenger door was open and it struck several people, police said, killing Arthur Rega, 40, of Gouldsboro.

Hill faces three felony counts of aggravated assault, three misdemeanor counts of simple assault, three misdemeanor counts of reckless endangerment, and one felony count each of vehicular homicide and being involved in an accident involving death or bodily injury.

Cop action goes wrong

TX FORT WORTH — A man who tried to elude Fort Worth police has died after police used an electrical stun gun on him.

Robert Guerrero, 21, was pronounced dead Tuesday night at John Peter Smith Hospital, where he was taken after he stopped breathing.

He was subdued with a Taser after police were called to an apartment complex where residents said someone was illegally hooking up electrical service at a unit.

Recycling dinner

CA BERKELEY — Haute cuisine is going green in a program that recycles restaurant and household food scraps into high-grade compost for Northern California farms and vineyards.

More than 2,200 restaurants and food businesses and 75,000 households in San Francisco take part in the clean-plate, clean-environment project, which began on an experimental basis in the late 1990s and has since become a national model for food recycling.

From Candlestick Park to Fisherman's Wharf, table scraps are deposited in green plastic cans and then converted into Four Course Compost.

The result is less waste in landfills, lower garbage pickup costs, vibrant vines and vegetables — and a cheerful sense of completing a circle.

Schools: Joy or humbug?

ME SCARBOROUGH — A parents group pushing for a little holiday spirit has begun a campaign to bring Christmas celebrations back to Maine schools.

The group, which says classrooms are lacking cards and festive decorations in December, has spent weeks meeting with school administrators to sell their cause.

"We just want the kids to be comfortable and enjoy who they are and where they come from," said Lisa Lowry, one of the parents in the group.

Public schools nationwide have long wrestled with how to handle Christmas.

The current holiday policy acknowledges "it is neither possible nor desirable for our schools to simply ignore religion," he said.

Armored turf

IL CHICAGO — A groundskeeper found a rusted, hollowed-out shell of a grenade in the right-field turf of Chicago's Wrigley Field.

The dud was found Tuesday morning by a worker at the home of the Chicago Cubs. The police's Bomb and Arson investigators were called to examine the device, which they found to be empty and harmless.

Investigators said there was no way to determine how the device ended up on the field, but added that no break-ins were reported at the ballpark.

Prisoner fees

CA HOMERVILLE — Two former prisoners at the Clinch County Jail want a federal judge to rule that charging inmates \$18 a day for room and board is illegal. A lawsuit contends the southeast Georgia county's sheriff has no authority to charge such fees to people who haven't been convicted. Sheriff Winston Peterson said inmates would be reimbursed if they were later acquitted, but couldn't recall that ever happening.

2 jailed for crime spree

WI MIDDLETON — Two men were jailed after confessing to a three-county crime spree that included killing a cab driver and their female companion, and leaving a man they abducted and robbed tied up in a shed for nearly a week, police said.

The men were arrested after they told security guards at a hotel that they wanted to confess crimes to police, police said. A 37-year-old man was jailed in Baraboo and a 24-year-old man was in Dane County jail, pending formal charges.

Baraboo police Lt. Rob Sindgen said the case was "far from closed" and there may be additional arrests. Police also were investigating whether the men were involved in other crimes.

Sex charges recanted

NC RALEIGH — Two women whose testimony in a child molestation case put a man behind bars for 20 years have recanted, with one saying her grandmother pressured them to finger the wrong man to protect a cousin.

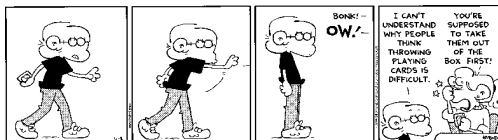
The accusers, cousins who were 4 and 6 when they made the charges, were expected to testify that they falsely accused Sylvester Smith, 53. He was given two consecutive life sentences in 1984.

"The system can correct itself when an error is found," said prosecutor Rex Gore, who is requesting a new trial so that he may drop the charges. "We're hoping we can right a wrong."

One victim says the real abuser was a cousin who is now serving a life sentence for murder. Gore said he would not prosecute because the cousin was 9 at the time.

Stories and photos from wire services

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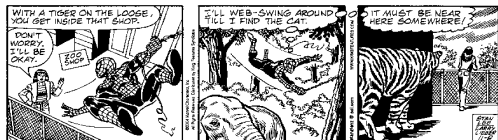
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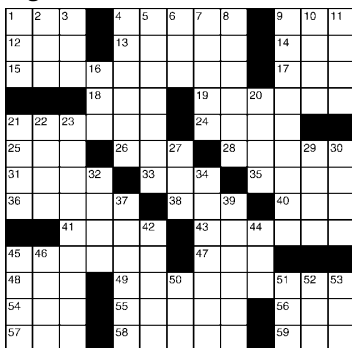
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- Fluster
- Buddhist sect
- Hibernation location
- Big dipper
- Dos Passos trilogy
- Dry red California wine
- Upper limit
- Remnant
- Heavier Frisbee together
- Infamous Ms. Borden
- Romer frosh
- Thyming tribute
- Caught sight of
- Burpee merchandise
- Slender
- Eg. and Syr., once
- Harrow rival
- Author Anya
- Prized possession
- Actress Carrere
- Pratic potato
- "Bye!"
- Breathe with difficulty
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- Reply (Abbr.)
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- Dryly humorous
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- Massachusetts cape
- Singer Morissette
- Hair ribbon of a sort
- Put 2 and 2 together
- Coasters
- Greek sun god
- Catholic skullcap
- Jacob's brother
- Siestas
- Shriner's chapeau
- Graf —
- Privation
- Trims
- Raw rock
- Buddhist sect
- Unseen problem
- Oliver Twist's request
- Put back to normal
- Hose
- attachment
- Soggy ground
- Shape of the Earth
- Fleur-de—
- "Kapow!"
- Sharpen
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CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A PLUMBER DECIDES TO GO FOR SOMETHING RISKY, COULD YOU SAY HE TAKES THE PLUNGER?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals L

Suspicious of dad-in-law's plans

Dear Abby: I was married nine months ago to a man I love dearly. It has been an adjustment for all of us, and at times I have been stressed. We have been working on some issues, but for the most part we're doing well. I have a 12-year-old daughter I'll call "Ginger."

The problem is my new father-in-law, "Grant." He lives alone a few states away from us. We see him only a few times a year. I barely know him. Grant has been asking to take Ginger alone for a week-end at his secluded home. I have a real problem with that. Grant also asked to take Ginger to visit his mother — an even farther distance. He planned to have my daughter alone with him in a hotel for a week. I said no.

Grant plans these outings in his head and then gets upset with his say no. I'm not comfortable allowing my innocent child to spend time alone with a man in his 60s whom I don't know very well.

I have invited Grant to our

home so he can get to know us both, and he always has an excuse not to come. I don't want to place Ginger in a situation that I am not comfortable with. What should I do?

— **Worried Mother** in Massachusetts

Dear Worried Mother: Stick to your guns and insist that your father-in-law "get to know" your daughter only in situations that you can supervise. There is a reason why your alarm bells are ringing, and frankly, after reading your letter, they went off. Listen to your motherly instinct.

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: I have a warning for your readers. It is always touching to hear stories of long-lost loves being reunited to then live happily ever after. I had a love like that in high school. He was in the Army in California. We met again after 41 years, fell in love, and began what seemed like a dream come true. I

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gave up a great job and proximity to family and friends to relocate to Washington. My dream turned into a financially and emotionally draining nightmare. After a year and a half of marriage that volleyed between cruelty and reassurances of his love, I confirmed my intuition that he had been lying and cheating the whole time.

I am writing to urge others to be cautious. Do not misplace your trust as I did.

— **Betrayed After All These Years**

Dear Betrayed: While it's true that many childhood sweethearts successfully reunite that old flame in later life, it's also true that as people grow older they sometimes change — and not always for the better. That's why it's important to look carefully before you leap into anything and take nothing for granted.

Be glad you know the truth and are again in control of your future because it's not over until you take your last breath.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: "_____"

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: OPIUM HONOR UPHELD TYRANT

Answer: What the politician did when he hosted the fund raiser — "POURED" IT ON

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Arginton



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Time for daughter to act like adult

Dear Annie: We recently found out that our 25-year-old daughter, "Katie," has once again dropped out of college. Although she works full time, she is paying her own living expenses, her father and I had been paying for her car, tuition and books, so she could attend school part time. I discovered that she has not attended classes for the last year, but she kept the tuition and book money we sent.

I told Katie how disappointed we are and asked why she lied, but she became defensive and hung up the phone. I love my daughter, but I am so mad and hurt that I don't know what to do. Any suggestions?

— **Taken for a Ride**

Dear Taken: You know why Katie lied — because you would cut off the gravy train if you knew the truth. We don't blame

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you for being angry. Tell Katie you are going to consider that money a loan (knowing, of course, that she is not likely to repay it). Then, treat her as the adult she is. Let her know you love her and you trust she will make the right decisions for her future, even if you don't agree. If she wants to go back to college, she will be responsible for her own tuition and books. (If you are feeling particularly generous, you can offer to pick up the tab after the first year — paid directly to the school, of course.)

Dear Annie: I read a letter in your column from "Teacher," who also is the parent of an ADHD child. I wish I had read her letter years earlier, because I could have saved my ADHD son a lot of problems.

I was one of those parents who didn't want my child dragged

because he had a great personality and I thought the drugs would make him a zombie. Well, as he got older, his personality changed. He became angry, mouthy and rebellious. His grades were terrible, and he was on the verge of failing. I finally had to admit I wasn't doing him any favors by not putting him on the proper medication.

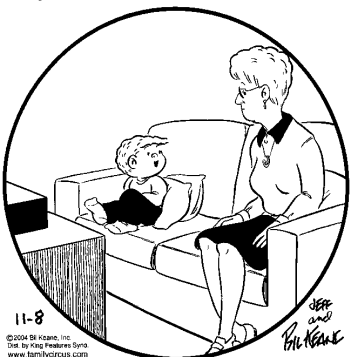
Annie, I now have my old son back. He is happy, angry, sociable and charming, excited about school and nothing like the zombie I feared. I only wish I had put him on this medication earlier.

— **Made the Right Choice**

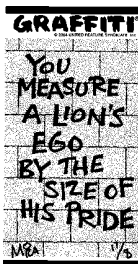
Dear Right Choice: Thank you for letting our readers know that the right medication can make a world of difference.

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Family Circus



"I've seen this video before, Grandma, so is it okay if I talk through it?"



Dennis the Menace



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The Far Side

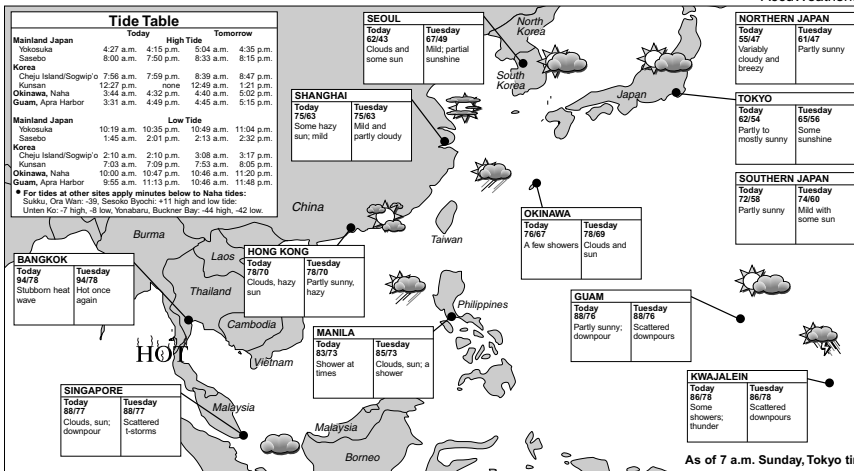


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The Pacific Forecast

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As of 7 a.m. Sunday, Tokyo time

Extended Forecasts

TOKYO Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 85, low 59. Thursday: Showers, high 70, low 61.	KADENA Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 80, low 71. Thursday: Clouds and sunshine, high 80, low 71.	SEoul Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, high 64, low 43. Thursday: Mostly cloudy, high 55, low 31.	MANILA Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 75. Thursday: Showers, high 85, low 75.	HAGATNA Wednesday: Showers, high 86, low 78. Thursday: Showers, high 88, low 78.
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Saturday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	68/45	Los Angeles	71/54
Amarillo	75/43	Little Rock	75/49
Anchorage	17/12	Louisville	69/49
Ashville	66/38	Miami	82/67
Baltimore	63/40	Milwaukee	63/44
Birmingham	69/48	Nashville	71/49
Bismarck	70/24	New York	61/47
Boston	55/36	Omaha	77/40
Brownsville	59/46	Orlando	79/56
Charlotte	62/57	Philadelphia	62/44
Buffalo	54/46	Phoenix	85/65
Burlington	51/38	Pittsburgh	60/44
Charleston, SC	71/46	Portland, OR	55/38
Charlotte	68/40	Portland, ME	55/37
Cleveland	61/48	Salt Lake City	57/34
Columbus, OH	63/46	St. Louis	74/50
Duluth	57/27	San Antonio	80/48
El Paso	72/46	San Diego	69/54
Hartford	60/39	San Juan	88/76
Helena	53/26	Tampa	79/58
Indianapolis	64/48	Tulsa	78/49
Jacksonville	75/49	Washington	65/44
Kansas City	78/49	Wichita	82/49

Monday, November 08



U.S. Extended Forecast

Much of the country will remain dry and tranquil on Monday. The only exception will be a storm coming into the Pacific Northwest, bringing some rain to that area. A turn to much colder will take place Monday and Tuesday over the Northeast and Great Lakes as an arctic cold front moves through the region. Some flurries and lake-effect snow showers will be possible over the ski country of New England as well with the front on Tuesday. By Wednesday, a storm moving southward into the northern Plains will provide some colder air and snow showers to parts of Montana and the Dakotas.

Monday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	94/78	Iwakuni	70/55
Beijing	58/44	Kadena AB	76/67
Camp Casey	63/43	Kunsan AB	67/52
Christchurch	74/54	Kwajalein	86/78
Diego Garcia	88/76	Manila	88/77
Hagatna	88/76	Misawa AB	58/46
Hanoi	81/70	Osan	78/49
Hong Kong	80/70	Perth	74/49
Honolulu	86/72	Pusan	72/56

Monday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	94/74	Budapest	42/32
Athens	70/52	Buenos Aires	73/55
Auckland	68/55	Cairo	84/62
Baghdad	80/51	Cancun	90/72
Barcelona	66/49	Cape Town	73/52
Berlin	56/45	Geneva	39/32
Bermuda	39/29	Islamabad	73/59
Brussels	74/54	Jerusalem	78/57
	46/34	Johannesburg	86/63
		Moscow	46/36
		Nairobi	78/53
		New Delhi	88/57
		Oslo	46/39
		Paris	46/34
		Rio de Janeiro	69/59
		Rome	51/35
		St. Petersburg	41/33
		Stockholm	43/36
		Warsaw	39/32



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AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.—NFL: ESPN Sunday NFL Countdown.

Tuesday
AFN-Pacific/Korea, 2 a.m.—NFL: CBS The NFL Today.
AFN-Pacific/Korea, 3 a.m.—NFL: N.Y. Jets at Buffalo.

AFN-Atlantic, 3 a.m.—NFL: Philadelphia at Cincinnati.
AFN-Sports, 5 a.m.—Auto racing: NASCAR Nextel Cup Checker Auto Parts 500 live.

AFN-Pacific/Korea, 3 a.m.—NFL: New England at St. Louis.
AFN-Atlantic, 6 a.m.—NFL: New York Jets at Tampa Bay.

AFN-Sports, 8:30 a.m.—NFL: Houston at Denver (on progress).
AFN-Atlantic, 9 a.m.—NFL: Kansas City at Tampa Bay (td).

AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.—NFL: ESPN NFL PrimeTime Live.
AFN-Sports, 10:30 a.m.—NFL: Cleveland at Cincinnati.

AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.—NFL: ESPN NFL PrimeTime Live.
AFN-Sports, 5:30 p.m.—Golf: PGA Tour Championship, final round (td).

Tuesday

AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.—College football: Colgate at Utah (td).

AFN-Atlantic, 9:30 a.m.—NFL: ESPN NFL Monday Night Countdown.

AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.—Auto racing: Colgate at Utah (td).

AFN-Atlantic, 11 a.m.—NFL: Minnesota at Indianapolis.

AFN-Sports, 5:15 p.m.—NBA: Detroit at L.A. Clippers (td).

AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.—College football: Mississippi State at Alabama (td).

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Pro football

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

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Pittsburgh 4 0 0 257 185 130
Buffalo 2 0 0 261 115 120
Miami 3 0 0 125 102 101

South

Jacksonville 3 0 0 109 126 145
Tampa Bay 4 0 0 271 128 104
Indianapolis 4 0 0 251 218 178

North

Pittsburgh 6 1 0 357 170 130
Baltimore 4 0 0 257 127 100
Cincinnati 2 0 0 286 126 106

West

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San Diego 3 0 0 225 119 156
Kansas City 4 0 0 429 206 177
Oakland 1 0 0 138 128 123

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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Washington 2 0 0 296 123

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New Orleans 3 0 0 429 154 101
Tampa Bay 4 0 0 296 126 124
Carolina 2 0 0 143 150 108

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Minnesota 5 2 0 714 163 162
Green Bay 4 0 0 271 127 126
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West

St. Louis 4 0 0 500 156 165
Seattle 4 0 0 571 118 182
San Francisco 1 0 0 143 112 182

Sunday's games

Washington at Detroit
Atlanta at Atlanta
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo

Dallas at Cincinnati
Tampa Bay at Carolina
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh

San Diego at San Francisco
Chicago at N.Y. Giants
Houston at Denver

New England at San Diego
Tampa Bay at Baltimore
Open: Green Bay, Jacksonville, Jacksonville

Auto racing

Checker Auto Parts 500 live

NASCAR Nextel Cup
After Friday's qualifying race Sunday
at Phoenix International Raceway

Phoenix
Lap length: 1 mile
Carr (winner in parentheses)

1. (2) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 132.64 mph.
2. (25) Brian Bicker, Chevrolet, 133.879.

3. (21) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 133.645.
4. (10) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 133.581.

5. (20) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 133.437.
6. (20) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 133.432.

7. (4) Casey Mears, Dodge, 133.304.
8. (2) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 133.116.

9. (38) Elliott Sauter, Ford, 133.111.
10. (2) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 132.987.

11. (10) Scott Riggs, Chevrolet, 132.988.
12. (143) Jeff Gordon, Dodge, 132.800.

13. (46) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 132.681.
14. (8) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 132.681.

15. (2) Rusty Wallace, Dodge, 132.714.
16. (10) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 132.548.

17. (13) Bobby Gordon, Chevrolet, 132.523.
18. (49) Ken Schrader, Dodge, 132.468.

19. (15) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, 132.261.
20. (30) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 132.261.

21. (14) John Andretti, Ford, 132.173.
22. (10) Mark Martin, Ford, 132.105.

23. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 132.057.
24. (10) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 131.965.

25. (23) Ricky Rudd, Ford, 131.825.
26. (188) Dale Jarrett, Ford, 131.718.

27. (18) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 131.752.
28. (197) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 131.670.

29. (38) Carl Edwards, Ford, 131.641.
30. (2) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 131.616.

31. (57) Terry Long, Chevrolet, 131.358.
32. (3) Bobby Hamilton Jr., Chevrolet, 131.219.

33. (14) Mike Wallace, Chevrolet, 131.133.
34. (45) Kyle Petty, Dodge, 131.000.

35. (13) Tony Roper, Chevrolet, 130.142.
36. (20) Todd Bodine, Dodge, 130.724.

37. (157) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 130.675.
38. (20) Scott Wimmer, Dodge, 130.421.

39. (8) Ward Burton, Chevrolet, provisionally.
40. (77) Brendan Gaughan, Dodge, provisionally.

41. (80) Randy LaJoie, Ford, provisionally.
42. (10) Hermie Sadler, Chevrolet, provisionally.

43. (88) Morgan Shepherd, Dodge, provisionally.
44. (75) Mike Garvey, Dodge, 130.317.

45. (13) Tony Roper, Chevrolet, 130.142.
46. (54) Stanton Barrett, Chevrolet, 128.508.

47. (180) Mario Gosselin, Chevrolet, 128.009.
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Tennis

Paris Masters

At Palais Omnisports de Paris-Bercy
Singles
Surface: Hardwood

Purse: \$11 million (Masters)
Singles
Surface: Hardwood

Marat Safin (6, Russia), def. Guillermo Coria (6, Argentina), 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Radek Stipanek, Czech Republic, def. Max Mirnyi, Belarus, 3-6, 7-6 (1), 6-3.

Advanta Championships
Friday
At The Pavilion

Purse: \$550,000 (Tier II)
Singles
Surface: Hardwood

Nadia Petrova (7, Russia), def. Anastasia Myskina (2, Russia), 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

Yvonne Zurnavona (6, Russia), def. Jennifer Capriati (4, U.S.), 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Maria Sharapova (3, Russia), def. Alicia Molik (6, Australia), 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Amelie Mauresmo (11, France), def. Venus Williams (5, U.S.), 7-5, 6-4.

Bell Challenge
Friday
At Club Advantage Multi-Sports of Quebec

Purse: \$170,000 (Tier II)
Singles
Surface: Hardwood

Alina Jidkova, Romania, def. Mary Pierce (1, France), 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Alina Jidkova, Romania, def. Mary Pierce (1, France), 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Martina Suchanek, Slovakia, def. Sesi Karanovic, Serbia, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Maria Emilia Salerni, Argentina, def. Melaine Hingis, Canada, 6-4, 6-4.

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John Will, U.S., def. John Will, U.S., 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

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Suns' team plays series of Lakers

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The new-look Los Angeles Lakers took their lumps again.

No longer surrounded by fellow former Hall of Famers Shaquille O'Neal, Karl Malone and Gary Payton, Kobe Bryant and the rest of the Lakers couldn't complete a rally and lost their second straight after a season-opening victory.

Tim Duncan had a double-double, and San Antonio won 105-96 in the night in the teams' first meeting since the Lakers eliminated the Spurs from the Western Conference semifinals last season.

"San Antonio is a team that really knows what they're doing out there because they have the chemistry and they've been with each other for a long time," Bryant said. "We're a young team and we're still trying to figure out how we want to go about things. So it was a good test and a good challenge for us. I'm proud of the way we battled back."

Duncan led five players in double figures with 26 points and 16 rebounds. Manu Ginobili added 18, Tony Parker 16, Rasho Nesterovic 14 and reserve Brent Barry 13. The Spurs played with abandon, racking up 28 assists while scoring 100-plus points for the second straight game.

"Everybody did a great job

down when Bryant was stripped on a drive in the lane just with two more minutes left.

"They are going to cut you up, so it's a learning process for us," Bryant said.

Nets 111, Bulls 106 (2OT) — Alonzo Mourning knows he's running out of time in the NBA. He just wants to win, and he needs those victories to come quickly.

Playing his second regular-season game following a kidney transplant, Mourning made consecutive shots in double overtime to help the Nets defeat the Bulls by the margin of 11 points. But the former All-Star center isn't happy about the Nets' offensive overhaul that saw New Jersey trade Kenyon Martin and Kerry Kittles. Instead of being title contenders, the Nets might be hard pressed to make the playoffs, especially with Jason Kidd sidelined by injury.

They say the Bulls, but it took much longer than it should have. The Nets won despite blowing a 27-point lead.

"It's disappointing we have a lead like that and we just gave it away," said Mourning, who got a nasty bruise on his forehead during the good thing is we won it, the bad thing is we'll probably be in bed about 4:30-5 a.m.

But the way we learn from this situation and grow from it."

New Jersey's Richard Jefferson just missed a triple-double, finishing with 26 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists — including passes to Mourning on the final two shots.

AP

New Jersey Nets' Alonzo Mourning, center, is surrounded by Chicago Bulls defenders.

sharing the ball and knowing how we want to play," Parker said.

Bryant scored 28 points in 45 minutes and Lamar Odom seized 24 points and 11 rebounds. They shot a franchise-low 29 percent in a 104-78 defeat at Utah on Wednesday, when Bryant had 38 points.

The Lakers got within six points in the fourth on a three-pointer by Chuckie Atkins, the kind of shot Bryant relishes making late in games.

The days that Staples Center opened on its feet, just like in the old days when O'Neal was rumbling up the floor after a thunderous dunk. But the fans quieted

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division			
	W	L	Pct
Toronto	2	1	0.667
New Jersey	1	2	0.333
Philadelphia	1	1	0.500
Cleveland	0	2	0.000
Boston	0	2	0.000

Southeast Division			
	W	L	Pct
Miami	2	1	0.667
Orlando	1	2	0.333
Washington	1	1	0.500
Charlotte	0	2	0.000
Atlanta	0	2	0.000

Central Division			
	W	L	Pct
Indiana	0	1	0.000
Detroit	1	1	0.500
Chicago	1	1	0.500
Milwaukee	0	2	0.000
Cleveland	0	2	0.000

Western Conference

Southwest Division			
	W	L	Pct
Dallas	2	1	0.667
San Antonio	2	1	0.667
Phoenix	1	2	0.333
Memphis	0	2	0.000
Golden State	0	2	0.000

Northwest Division			
	W	L	Pct
Portland	2	1	0.667
Utah	2	1	0.667
Minnesota	1	2	0.333
Seattle	1	2	0.333

Pacific Division			
	W	L	Pct
Phoenix	2	1	0.667
San Diego	1	2	0.333
L.A. Lakers	0	2	0.000
Golden State	0	2	0.000
Sacramento	0	2	0.000

Friday's games			
Toronto 101, Detroit 95			
Phoenix 106, Philadelphia 98			
Indiana 100, Boston 94			
Houston 89, Memphis 81			
New Orleans 90, New Jersey 111			
Golden State 96, Los Angeles 106			
San Antonio 105, Atlanta 96			
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Saturday's games			
Miami at Washington			
Orlando at Charlotte			
Boston at New York			
Philadelphia at Detroit			
Chicago at Indiana			
Phoenix at New Jersey			
San Antonio at Minnesota			
Sacramento at Golden State			
Memphis at Dallas			
Utah at Denver			
L.A. Clippers at Golden State			

Sunday's games

Portland at Seattle			
	W	L	Pct
Portland at Seattle			
Golden State at Dallas			
Denver at Utah			

Monday's games			
	W	L	Pct
Portland at Seattle			
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Tuesday's games			
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Colts, Vikings prepare for offensive battle

BY MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning leads the AFC in passer rating and touchdown passes this season. Daunte Culpepper has done the same in the NFC.

Now each quarterback may have to perform perfectly.

When the Indianapolis Colts and Minnesota Vikings meet Monday night, Manning and Culpepper know there will be a little margin for error. One failed drive won't be just another lost opportunity; it could be the difference between winning and losing.

"As an offense, we have high goals and expectations," Manning said. "We're disappointed when we punt because we feel we're better than that."

The game could be one of this season's most entertaining.

Indianapolis (4-3) and Minnesota (5-2) rank among the NFL's top offenses and worst defenses, setting up an anticipated shootout between teams that need a victory.

The Vikings had a four-game winning streak end last week while the Colts are trying to snap their first two-game skid in almost two years.

On paper, the teams look alike. Indianapolis has Manning, last year's co-MVP, Marvin Harrison, a five-time Pro Bowler and the NFL record-holder for most receptions in a season, Edgerrin James, a two-time NFL rushing champ and Reggie Wayne and Brandon Stokley, who have become consistent targets this year.

Minnesota counters with Culpepper, a two-time Pro Bowl starter; Randy Moss, the league's biggest deep threat; and three potentially dangerous runners in Mewelde Moore, Michael Bennett and Ottis Smith, who is returning after a four-game substance-abuse suspension.

But Moss will miss a game for the first time in his NFL career, sitting out with a strained right hamstring.

Without Moss, the Vikings looked like a different team in last week's 34-13 loss to the New York Giants, which is why the Vikings are making contingency plans.



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning (18) hands off to running back Edgerrin James on Oct. 31. The Colts, have one of the league's top offenses and worst defenses, just like their Monday Night Football opponent Minnesota Vikings.

"I'm hoping they don't score 40 points," Vikings coach Mike Tice said. "You have to be prepared to stop them. Does it happen? Not always. I just hope we can slow them down because I don't think you can stop them."

During the first half of the season, the Colts' biggest opponent has been their defense.

While averaging a league-high 31.1 points and punting only 22 times, second in the NFL, the Colts simply cannot stay on the field long enough.

Opponents have usually played keep-away against a defense close to a record-setting pace for yards allowed and which has yielded the fourth-highest scoring average (25.4) in the NFL.

The two teams opponents tried to play up-tempo against the Colts, it's been wild.

Indianapolis won Round 1, beating Green Bay 45-31, and lost Round 2, 45-35 at Kansas City last week.

Minnesota's offense could create even more problems.

Culpepper already has set an NFL record by throwing for five touchdowns in three games this year, while Moore averages 5.9 yards per carry, Bennett has sprinter's speed and Smith is the power back.

If that means Round 3 will come Monday night, at least some people in the stadium will enjoy it.

"I think it's a fun matchup," Vikings ofensive coordinator Scott Linehan said. "We're going to get a chance to play each other, and see who's the best."

Colts coach Tony Dungy, a former defensive coordinator, is hoping for a different kind of game.



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Game time is Japan and Korea Standard. Guam is one hour ahead. Singapore and Hong Kong are one hour behind.

After the Colts gave up 590 yards to the Chiefs, Dungy has preached consistency all week. Monday night will be the next big test.

"We've got to do a better job of not putting people in scoring position," Dungy said. "You can't give people extra chances when they have good offenses."

There are other problems, too. Indy's smallish defense faces a much heavier Vikings line. Plus, a secondary ravaged by injuries must also contend with Minnesota's big receivers such as Marcus Robinson.

Starting cornerback Donald Strickland is out for the season with a torn labrum in his right shoulder, and Strickland's replacement, Joseph Jefferson, is questionable with a sore right knee. The other starter, Jason Davis, is expected to play despite a hip injury.

If starting strong safety Mike Doss cannot play because of a strained groin, rookie Bob Sanders will make his first NFL start.

Culpepper isn't worried about the Colts' defense. He just wants to make sure everything clicks for the Vikings.

"We want to be good on every play," he said. "We want to execute every time, make the adjustments, and the ones who make the plays are the ones who win games."

An one failure Monday night could be one failure too many.

"We want to be perfect on every play," Stokley said. "If we aren't and we do lose the game, then that's on us. It doesn't matter if the defense gives up 800 yards, that's on us."

Files: Kobe's accuser talked of suing star

The Associated Press

DENVER — A month after a hotel worker accused NBA star Kobe Bryant of rape, she allegedly told a friend that she was considering suing him in civil court and planned to use any money she won for breast implants, a koala bear and opening a recording studio.

The details came in testimony from Sean Holloway, who knew the then-19-year-old woman from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, according to court documents released Friday.

During a closed hearing March 2, defense lawyer Hal Haddon asked Holloway about a conversation with the woman near the end of July 2003, about a month after the alleged assault.

Haddon asked whether the woman had mentioned the possibility of a civil lawsuit.

"She said that after the case was over it was something that

she was most likely going to do," Holloway said.

He testified that the woman, an aspiring singer, wanted to use any award money to open a recording studio and to pay for breast augmentation surgery for herself and a friend. He also said she would buy a koala bear for another friend.

It is unclear whether District Judge Terry Ruckriegel had ruled on the prosecution's request to limit Holloway's testimony before prosecutors dropped the case against Bryant on Sept. 1 after the woman said she no longer wanted to participate.

The woman filed a civil suit against Bryant in federal court for what she says have been months of pain and suffering since the alleged assault at a Vail-area resort where she once worked.

Holloway's testimony was contained in some 500 pages of documents among previously sealed documents.

In other documents, the defense argued for the ability to tell jurors that Matt Herr, a former boyfriend of the woman, had re-

fused to provide a DNA sample to compare to evidence found on her body and clothing after the alleged assault.

Haddon said that evidence indicated the woman had sex in the hours after her encounter with Bryant but before her hospital exam the next day.

Sheppard, Rayburn sign extensions with Eagles

PHILADELPHIA — Cornerback Lito Sheppard and defensive tackle Sean Rayburn signed five-year contract extensions Saturday that will keep them with the Philadelphia Eagles through the 2011 season.

Rayburn received a \$1.3 million signing bonus, and his extension could be worth up to \$10 million if he reaches incentives, agent Jason Brown told The Associated Press on Saturday.

Sheppard, a first-round pick in 2002, is off to the best start of his three-year career with three interceptions — including one returned for a touchdown — and was selected NFL defensive player of the month for October.

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Yokota completes perfect regular season

Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — Chris Roach ran 30 times for 178 yards and three touchdowns, helping the Yokota Panthers cap their fourth straight unbeaten regular season by shutting out the American School In Japan 27-0 on Saturday at Mustang Valley.

Yokota, which hasn't lost since Sept. 23, 2000, ran its on-field winning streak to 47 games, including 26 straight in Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools play.

The Panthers forfeited two games during the 2002 season for using an ineligible player.

The Mustangs finished 1-7 overall and winless in the Kanto Plain for the first time in 15 seasons.

But "it wasn't easy," Yokota coach Tim Pujol said. Aside from the temptation for the Panthers to look ahead to Saturday's Rising Sun Bowl against the Okinawa Activities Council champion Kadena Islanders, Yokota was missing four starters due to injury.

"We had to work for it. It was a battle," Pujol said. "We knew we weren't at full strength. ASIJ played a great game. They ran and passed the ball successfully and (defensive coordinator John) Seever's had a good game plan for us defensively."

Pujol gave plenty of playing time to a handful of second-line players who hadn't seen much action, particularly in the line, which was missing three starters.

"It was nice to give those underdogs

that game experience," Pujol said. "That we held out some starters helped us focus on this game. The challenge was there."

Roach, who concluded the regular season with 1,400 yards and 21 TDs on 166 carries, amassed 221 all-purpose yards, scored on runs of 3, 6 and 15 yards and intercepted a pass.

Kenny Harris started at fullback in place of injured Shamarr Howell and responded with 92 yards, including a 10-yard TD run, on 12 carries.

Defensively, Jamal McNeill had a team-leading 13 tackles plus an interception and a fumble recovery. Jonell Rosales contributed nine tackles, D.J. McCarty added an interception and Ryan Krueken recovered a fumble.

Local scoreboard

High school football Kanto Plain Assoc. of Secondary Schools

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Zama American	2	4	.333	74	156
American School In Japan	0	6	.000	12	205

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Saturday, Nov. 6
Yokota 27, American School In Japan 0
END REGULAR SEASON

Postseason
Saturday, Nov. 13
Japan Football League All-Star Game, Berkey Field, Yokohama
Navy Bowl: U.S. 17, Japan 14
Rising Sun Bowl V. DODOS All-Japan championship, Kasai Islands at Yokota, 7 p.m.

Independent Interscholastic Athletic Association of Guam

Postseason
Semifinals
Friday, Nov. 5
George Washington 22, Simon Sanchez 20
Saturday, Nov. 6
Father Duenas Memorial 12, John F. Kennedy 6
Saturday, Nov. 13
Championship
Bamboo Bowl, Father Duenas Memorial at George Washington, 7 p.m.

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Ginn's 3s send Buckeyes past Spartans

The Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Ted Ginn Jr. had three touchdowns and Ohio State rallied by scoring the final 15 points in a 32-19 victory over Michigan State on Saturday.

Ginn caught four passes for 77 yards, including a 58-yard reception with 1:37 left, in a game of scoring streaks. He also ran for a 17-yard TD on a reverse and scored on a 60-yard punt return.

He set a school record with his third punt return for a score and tied Ohio State's career mark.

A.J. Hawk's diving interception at midfield with 45 seconds remaining sealed the outcome for the Buckeyes (6-3, 3-3 Big Ten) and made them bowl eligible. Maurice Harkins scored on a 51-yard run with 25 seconds left.

Perhaps more than any team, the Spartans (4-5, 3-3) know 17-point margins are not safe. Dave Rayner's 29-yard field goal gave Michigan State a 19-17 lead with 3:06 left after trailing Ohio State 17-0. Last week, the Spartans blew a 27-10 fourth-quarter lead in a triple-overtime loss at Michigan.

After Rayner's fourth field goal, Troy Smith connected with Ginn on a short pass over the middle and the speedy receiver sprinted for the go-ahead TD. The Spartans had a chance to come back again, but Hawk's catch along the sideline handed them their second straight demoralizing loss and hurt their chances of playing in a bowl.

In other games Saturday:

Northwestern 14, Penn St. 7: At State College, Pa., Noah Heron rushed for 175 yards, setting up one touchdown and scoring an-



other, to lead Northwestern to its first road victory this season.

After a scoreless third quarter, Herron carried on the first two plays of the fourth, punching it in from the 1-yard line to give the Wildcats (5-4, 4-2 Big Ten) a 14-7 lead. This was the first time Northwestern won a game since (2-7, 0-6) in five games.

Iowa St. 34, Nebraska 27: At Ames, Iowa, Bret Meyer threw for a career-best 345 yards and three touchdowns to lead surging Iowa State (5-4, 3-3 Big 12) into a tie for first place in the Big 12 North.

Trailing 34-14 in the fourth quarter, Nebraska (5-4, 3-3) drew within seven on Brandon Jackson's 1-yard touchdown run with 5:01 to play. The Cornhuskers got the ball back two minutes later, but Tim Dobbins' interception with 2:45 left ended their hopes of completing the comeback.

Georgia Tech 24, N.C. State 14: In Raleigh, N.C., Georgia Tech's Reggie Ball made up for a poor performance by throwing a 1-yard touchdown pass to Levon Thomas midway through the fourth quarter.

Third-string tailback Rashawn Grant ran for 122 yards, and the Yellow Jackets (5-3, 4-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) held the Wolfpack (4-5, 3-4) to 131 yards in the final three quarters.

South Carolina 35, Arkansas 32: At Columbia, S.C., Syreille Newton threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Troy Williamson with 1:09 left to make South Caro-



Michigan State quarterback Damon Dowdell (76) gets his facemask twisted while tackling Ohio State's Ashton Youberty (26) during the first quarter in East Lansing, Mich., on Saturday. Youberty intercepted a pass from Dowdell during Ohio State's 32-19 victory.

lina (6-3, 4-3 Southeastern Conference) bowl eligible for the first time since 2001.

Matt Jones, the SEC's leading rushing quarterback, ran for 111 yards and was 12-for-24 for 130 yards passing for Arkansas (3-5, 1-4).

Syracuse 38, Pittsburgh 31 (20T): At Syracuse, N.Y., Damien Rhodes scored on a 2-yard run in the second overtime, then Syracuse's defense stopped Pittsburgh on fourth and 1.

The game was big for both teams. Pitt (5-3, 3-2 Big East) was looking to stay in the hunt for the Big East title and a BCS bowl berth. Instead, the Orange (5-4,

3-1) moved into second place behind No. 15 West Virginia (8-1, 4-0) and kept alive their hopes of making a bowl game for the first time in three years.

Colorado 30, Kansas 21: At Lawrence, Kan., Stephone Robinson scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 48-yard punt return and Lawrence Vickers added a late score to seal it for Colorado.

The Buffaloes (5-4, 2-4 Big 12) trailed 14-0 before they ran their second play. But the Jayhawks (3-6, 1-5) were forced into playing their third-team quarterback when starter Jason Swenson was injured in the first quarter.

Florida 34, Vanderbilt 17: At

Nashville, Tenn., Chris Leak ran for a touchdown and threw for two more, and Florida (5-4, 3-4 Southeastern Conference) gave coach Ron Zook his first victory since being fired on Oct. 25.

Florida avoided losing a third straight game for the first time since the end of the 1999 season.

Leak was 22-for-29 for 307 yards, and Florida tailback Clint Fason ran 26 times for 170 yards and a touchdown.

Kansas St. 35, Missouri 24: At Columbia, Mo., backup quarterback Allen Webb threw two touchdown passes and Darren Sprules ran for two scores, helping Kansas State rally from an early 21-point deficit.

Kansas State (4-5, 2-4 Big 12) scored 21 points in the fourth quarter against the Big 12's best defense to win its 12th straight against the Tigers (4-5, 2-4).

Antoine Piller's 20-yard touchdown pass with 9:39 to go put Kansas State ahead 28-24.

Texas Tech 42, Baylor 17: At Lubbock, Texas, Sonny Cumble threw for 397 yards and five touchdowns.

Cumble, who led the nation in passing entering the game, was 37-for-48 with four interceptions. He threw two TD passes in the third quarter as Tech (6-3, 4-2 Big 12) broke open a close game.

Illinois 26, Indiana 22: At Champaign, Ill., Matt Montague's interception set up Ben Beutler's short touchdown pass with 3:03 seconds remaining, and Illinois (3-7, 1-6) rallied from a 19-point deficit to end a 14-game Big Ten losing streak.

Indiana (3-6, 1-5) lost its 12th straight game to a rival, and its bowl hopes disappeared.

Imoh, Hokies deny Tar Heels second straight upset

The Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Mike Imoh ran for 236 yards and two touchdowns Saturday to boost No. 18 Virginia Tech to a 27-24 victory over North Carolina, which missed a 54-yard field goal with about a minute remaining.

The Miami Tech team on the field goal by freshman Connor Barth on the final play, were poised for more late-game heroics. North

Carolina drove to the Tech 26 in the closing minutes, but an 11-yard sack of Darian Durant on third made Barth's kick longer. His attempt fell short.

Bryan Randall added a rushing touchdown for the Hokies (7-2, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference), who have won five straight games.

Brandon Pace had two field goals for the Hokies, who nearly blew a 13-point second-half lead.



Virginia Tech kept its hopes alive of winning the ACC title in its first season in the league. The Hokies finish their regular season against Maryland, Virginia and Miami, and winning each game ensures them the league title.

North Carolina (4-5, 3-3) missed an opportunity to win

back-to-back games for the first time in three years.

Imoh skipped over falling defenders and squeezed his 5-foot-7 frame through narrow running lanes, carrying 31 times to power the Hokies' offense. He passed the 200-yard mark with a 13-yard touchdown run for a 27-14 lead with 3:40 left in the third quarter.

North Carolina fought back. Tom O'Leary blocked a punt by Vinnie Burns deep in Virginia Tech territory and D.J. Walker recovered the ball and rolled into the end zone to cut the deficit to 27-24 early in the fourth quarter.

Chad Scott had another big day for the Tar Heels. After rushing for 175 yards last week against Miami, he ran for 122 against the Hokies, making him the first Tar Heel in seven years to put together consecutive 100-yard rushing games.

No. 8 Georgia 62, Kentucky 17: At Lexington, Ky., David Greene passed for 259 yards and set an NCAA Division I record for most wins by a quarterback.

Georgia (8-1, 6-1 SEC) prepped for its upcoming showdown with No. 3 Auburn by scoring on six consecutive possessions against the Wildcats (1-8, 0-6), who have lost seven straight.

Freshman tailback Thomas Brown rushed for a career-high 130 yards and had three short touchdowns runs for Georgia.

No. 13 Florida State 29, Duke 7: At Tallahassee, Fla., backup quarterback Wyatt Sexton led three long scoring drives in the second half, and Gary Cismentia threw a 54-yard touchdown pass to give the Seminoles their first victory in his college debut.

Sexton completed 11 of 15 passes for 220 yards and a touchdown after replacing Chris Rix, who failed to get the Seminoles (7-2, 5-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) into the end zone in the first half while making his first start in six weeks.

No. 15 Morgantown, W.Va. 21: At Morgantown, W.Va., Kay-Jay Harris caught two scoring passes and ran for two other touchdowns to lead the Mountaineers (8-1, 4-0 Big East).

Rashed Marshall had first-half TD tosses of 5 and 29 yards to Harris, who also had two short scoring runs. Harris had his personal best for TDs set earlier this season against East Carolina.

Chris Henry caught a 40-yard TD pass from Marshall late in the third quarter for a 35-14 lead.

Temple (1-8, 0-4) moved the ball well, it couldn't convert its opportunities into scores.

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Woods-Haas duel at East Lake

Duo leads by four in season-ending Tour Championship

By DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Tiger Woods put together his best back-to-back rounds in more than four years. The result was a share of the 54-hole lead, a place it seems he hasn't been in forever.

Playing his best golf of the year in the season-ending Tour Championship, Woods made four straight birdies Saturday at East Lake for a 5-under-65, leaving him tied with 50-year-old Jay Haas.

Woods is ruthless when he has at least a share of the lead going into the final round, with a 30-2 record on the PGA Tour. Trouble is, he hasn't been there lately.

The last time he held the 54-hole lead was last year in the American Express Championship just north of Atlanta. That was 15 stroke-play tournaments ago, which also is the last time Woods won such an event.

"I'm going to give it my best," Woods said.

Haas recovered from two early bogeys and shot 68, making a 6-foot par putt on the final hole to join Woods at 9-under-201.

They will be paired together, two guys born 22 years apart with nothing in common but a strong friendship.

Woods has won 40 times in his eight-plus years on tour, including eight majors.

Haas has gone 11 years since his ninth career victory, the 1993

Texas Open. He has been atop the leader board going into the final round only three times since then. "I definitely won't be the favorite tomorrow," Haas said. "But what he does shouldn't affect what I do."

U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen also made four straight birdies playing with Woods and had the outright lead until he failed to save par from two bunkers on the back nine. He shot 69 and was four shots behind, along with Mike Weir (67) and Stephen Ames (70).

Vijay Singh's bid to finish the year with 10 victories — the most since Sam Snead won 11 times in 1954 — crashed with an indifferent round of 70 that left him 11 shots out of the lead.

"You've got to be in contention to be 100 percent into it," Singh said. "I'm just not into it."

Woods got himself into the mix with his two lowest consecutive rounds 64-65 (since he won the Canadian Open four years ago by closing with 64-65-64). Of course, that was when Woods was at the height of his game.

He has gone through swing changes this year that have resulted in his worst year as a pro — only one victory, in the Match Play Championship in late February when he could get away with some bad shots and ugly rounds.

His week at East Lake is shaping up nicely.

Woods' only bogey over the past two days was a three-putt from some 50 feet on the opening hole Saturday. But Woods recovered with some clean shots and timely putts — a 9-iron to 10 feet on No. 8 and to 12 feet on No. 9, followed by a couple of 30-footers down the slope that trickled into the cup on their last roll.

He looked like the Woods of old, pumping his fist, pointing at the cup when the ball disappeared. Even a few breaks started falling his way, none greater than a wayward drive on the 17th that landed on the grassy slope of a bunker and stopped in a patch of short grass between two traps.

But while a victory might take some of the sting out of a frustrating year, this might be the one case where Woods could be the spoiler.

Haas has been one of the more amazing stories in golf the past two years. Despite being ranked for the 50-and-over Champions Tour, he has continued to tie it up against the best with strong results. He was the second-oldest player to compete in the Ryder Cup, and the oldest to qualify for the Tour Championship.

"All he has to do now is take down the most formidable clock in golf for his first victory in more than a decade."

"It probably takes a little press conference," Haas said. "If I don't win, everybody will say, 'Well, my goodness, he's up against one of the best players in the world and



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Tiger Woods, whose only victory this year is in the Match Play Championship in late February, led the Tour Championship in putting (28.3 putts per round) after three rounds at East Lake.

he's 50 years old,' and all that stuff. That's kind of disrespecting myself if I think that way."

"I can do it. I've got to think that."

Haas showed plenty of resolve, especially after sloppy bogeys on the second and third holes that trimmed his lead to one shot.

And it didn't look much better when he hit his approach long on No. 4 and had a 12-foot par putt. "That felt like a birdie," Haas said of a par save that kept his round going.

With Goosen and Woods starting to pull away, Haas chipped to 3 feet for birdie on No. 9, hit his approach to 10 feet for birdie on No. 10, then joined Woods in the lead with a shot into 3 feet on the 12th.

Sorenstam seeks fourth Mizuno title

The Associated Press

OTSU, Japan — Annika Sorenstam moved into position for her record-tying fourth consecutive Mizuno Classic title, shooting 6-under-66 on Saturday.



four-stroke lead into the final round.

The Swedish star, trying to match the LPGA Tour record of four straight victories in a tournament set by Laura Davies in the 1994-97 Standard Register Cup, birdied the 17 and 18 — both par 5s — to end the second straight day to finish at 15-under-129.

Japan's Chiharu Nakajima, tied for the first-round lead, shot 70 to fall to second place.

Grace Park shot 69 to finish at 8-under along with Davies (69), Aree Song (70) and four others.

Thongchai leads in Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam —

Thongchai Jaidee of Thailand shot 8-under-64 Saturday to take a two-stroke lead after the third round of the inaugural Vietnam Masters.

Thongchai had a 54-hole total of 124 in 204 in the communist nation's first professional golf tournament.

Corey Pavin shot 71 and trails by six shots.

Newman claims 4th straight pole in record style

By MIKE HARRIS
The Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — If Ryan Newman could find a way to shift his qualifying magic to the races he has been a solid contender for the Nextel Cup championship.

Newman, a 10 of drivers who qualified for the new 10-race championship run on NASCAR's top circuit, easily won his series-leading ninth pole of the year and fourth in a row in qualifying Friday.

This one, the 27th pole in 114 races for the racer known as Rocketman, was a record effort. His lap of 1:35.498 set in a Dodge on the one-mile Phoenix International Raceway oval, easily topped the mark of 1:34.178 set in 2000 by teammate Rusty Wallace.

It was Newman's third straight pole here. Unfortunately, for the third-year Cup star, none of his top three seasons resulted in a victory. Newman's only win came in June at Michigan, where he started fourth.

His past three poles, which gave him a chance to rebound from some early adversity in the championship chase, have resulted in finishes of 14th, third and 17th. That has left the Penske Racing South driver seventh in the standings heading into Sunday's Checker Auto Race 500.

Newman hasn't given up despite trailing series leader Kurt Busch by 186 points with only three races remaining.

"We're definitely in the chase mathematically," Newman said. "Is it a long shot? Sure."

Newman is aware of his failure to take advantage of superior starting positions.

"I can win some races any time, whether it's on Friday or Sunday," he said. "It's not necessarily disappointing, we just wish we could have capitalized on having the fastest race car."

Ryan Newman drove his Dodge No. 12 to a lap of 1:35.498 mph Friday on the one-mile Phoenix International Raceway oval, shattering the mark of 1:34.178 set in 2000 by Rusty Wallace.

There was no doubt who was fastest Friday, when rookie Brian Vickers took the second spot at just 133.879 mph.

"I don't know where they got that speed or traction," Vickers said of Newman's team. "We felt we could have run better but we couldn't have run that fast."

"The last few weeks, that team has found something that nobody else has. Whatever it is, though, it doesn't work in the race. It doesn't last." Busch qualified an undistinguished 28th, but time trials have not been his forte. He has started no better than seventh in seven races since the title chase began, but has only one finish worse than sixth.

That came last Sunday at Atlanta, where Busch's engine blew early in the race, relegating him to 42nd place and allowing several contenders to close in.

Heading into Sunday's race, Busch leads runner-up Jimmie Johnson on a three-race winning streak — by 59 points. Four-time series champion Jeff Gordon, Mark Martin and Dale Earnhardt Jr. are within 98 points of the lead.

"It's real hard," Busch said of his bad day at Atlanta. "We still believe we've got the upper hand. Those other guys have to catch us."

Among the rest of the champion contenders, sixth-place Tony Stewart was the fastest. He took the sixth spot in the race. Gordon was eighth, with eighth-place Elliott Sadler ninth and Johnson 13th.

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Hendrick airplane did not ascend after failed landing

By KRISTEN GELINEAU

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — The Hendrick Motorsports plane that crashed last month and killed 10 aboard missed the approach to the airport and then failed to immediately climb before crashing into a mountain, according to a preliminary report Friday.

The National Transportation Safety Board said the proper procedure after a missed approach at Blue Ridge Regional Airport in Spencer called for the aircraft to maneuver right and climb to 2,600 feet.

Instead, the report said, the Beech 200 King Air descended to 1,800 feet before crashing into the southeast slope of Bull Mountain at an altitude of 2,450 feet.

The plane crashed Oct. 24 en route from Concord, N.C., to Martinsville Speedway. The son, brother and two nieces of owner Rick Hendrick, patriarch of one of NASCAR's top syndicates, was killed. A pilot for NASCAR's top Tony Stewart also was among the dead as was the team's general manager and chief engine builder.

Both pilots were experienced, the report said. It does not draw a conclusion on the cause of the crash but did note the plane's global positioning system was not certified for instrument-only

flight and the plane did not have a ground proximity warning system. Witnesses reported the mountain was obscured by clouds and fog.

Pilots of at least 20 other planes, many carrying sponsors and race fans, decided it was too dangerous to fly at Blue Ridge Airport at the time and touched down at Danville Regional Airport, where landing in bad weather is common.

After the plane descended to 1,800 feet, the controller advised the crew to climb to 4,400 feet, the report said. There were no further radio transmissions from the crew.

The plane hit some trees before crashing to the ground. The cockpit was destroyed by the impact, and the cockpit and cabin areas were consumed by post-crash fire, the report said.

One witness about 3 to 4 miles southeast of the mountain reported seeing the plane fly past about 60 to 70 feet above the ground, according to the report.

"When you miss something in bad weather, the last thing you do is to get to an altitude where you're not going to run into anything," former NTSB board member John Goglia said.

Hendrick Motorsports employs 460 workers at its North Carolina compound, which includes race shops and a museum and team store.

Proposal threatens plan to move Expos to D.C.

Washington city council chair wants to change location of proposed ballpark

By DERRILL HOLLY
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The chair of the District of Columbia Council proposed Friday that a new ballpark be built next to RFK Stadium instead of a site south of the U.S. Capitol, a plan that could cause Major League Baseball to drop the scheduled move to the Montreal Expos to Washington.

Council Chair Linda Cropp made the proposal to cut costs for the new ballpark, which she estimates would be \$600 million on

the original site, far above the estimate in the \$435 million deal Mayor Anthony A. Williams signed in September.

"The costs are going up so high that I believe it will have a negative effect on our business community," Cropp said. "By moving to RFK Stadium, we have an automatic 20 percent reduction in cost."

Washington's contract with the Expos calls for funding for a ballpark at the original site to be approved by Dec. 31. Cropp said there would be an \$83 million sav-

ings in land acquisition under her plan.

"This is going to blow the thing up," said a livid Williams, warning it could undo 30 years worth of efforts to get the city a team to replace the expansion Washington Senators, who became the Texas Rangers after the 1971 season.

Cropp said she is willing to risk losing the Expos if baseball owners refuse to accept the RFK location.

"I would hope that baseball would be extremely reasonable," Cropp said.

Washington's contract with the Expos does not allow for a change in the stadium site without the team's approval.

"We have an agreement with the mayor whereby he has until the 31st of December to obtain passage of the legislation effectuating the stadium agreement," said John McHale Jr., an executive vice president in the commissioner's office who has been involved in planning the move. "Until that time comes, we're not going to get excited."

In another development, base-

ball spokesman Rich Levin said reports in Friday's editions of The Washington Times and USA Today that the Expos would be renamed the Nationals were premature. Levin said other names, such as the Senators, remain under consideration and that baseball still was conducting focus groups.

Cropp's ballpark plan is supported by Council members Carol Schwartz, David Catania and Phil Mendelson. There are 13 members of the Council, and seven must approve a financing plan.

Ortiz rocks Japan with huge blast

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Even David Ortiz was amazed by this home run — a 514-foot shot that hit the lights down the right-field line.

"I knew when I hit it that I got all of it," the Boston Red Sox slugger said after the major league All-Stars beat the Japanese stars 5-3 Saturday night in Game 2 of their series. "I thought for a second that it might land in the Dominican [Republic]."

Manager

Bruce Bochy of the San Diego Padres said it was the longest home run he had ever seen in all his years in baseball.

Ortiz, who helped power the Red Sox to a World Series title last month, led his touring team to a 7-2 victory in Friday's opener. A day later, he drew gasps from the Tokyo Dome crowd of 52,000 with his solo homer in the bottom of the fourth off starter Shunsuke Watanabe.

"It felt like he hit that ball almost twice the length of the stadium," said Chiba Lotte Marines submanager Watanabe, who gave up six hits and three runs in five innings of work. "You can't make any mistakes against these guys."

Cleveland Indians catcher Victor Martinez singled home pinch-runner Marcus Giles of the Atlanta Braves to break a 3-2 tie in the eighth inning. Drew Wilkerson of the Expos followed with a run-scoring double.

Tampa Bay outfielder Carl Crawford, the MVP of Game 2, went 3-for-4, including a leadoff homer in the first inning. Crawford also made a spectacular diving catch in the fourth and stole a base in the fifth.

Braves right-hander Chris Reitsma got the win with one inning in relief. Francisco Rodriguez of the Anaheim Angels retired the side in order in the ninth for the save.

The teams meet again Sunday in Tokyo before playing in Fukuoka, Osaka, Sapporo and Nagoya.



Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz watches the flight of his solo home run in Game 2 in the MLB-Japan All-Star series in Tokyo on Saturday.

The eight-game series ends in Tokyo on Nov. 14.

Randolph guaranteed \$1,875,000 in Mets contract

NEW YORK — Willie Randolph is guaranteed \$1,875,000 under his three-year contract with the New York Mets, one of the richest deals for a first-year manager.

Randolph will get \$550,000 next season, \$625,000 in 2006 and \$700,000 in 2007, according to contract terms obtained Friday by The Associated Press. He can earn up \$300,000 in bonuses each season, getting the full amount if the Mets win the World Series.

New York hired Randolph on Wednesday night to succeed Art Howe, fired midway through a \$9.4 million, four-year contract, a deal in the upper range for major league managers.

Randolph's former boss, Yankees manager Joe Torre, has the highest-paying contract. Torre's new deal calls for salaries of \$6.1 million in both 2005 and 2006, and \$7 million in 2007. He'd also get a \$1 million bonus each time the Yankees win the World Series.

Baldelli has knee surgery

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Tampa Bay Devil Rays center fielder Rocco Baldelli had surgery Friday to repair a torn ligament in his left knee.

Devil Rays head trainer Ken Crenshaw and team doctors said Baldelli will be able to play again

in six to nine months.

Baldelli injured the knee on Oct. 24 while playing baseball with his younger brother at his home in Cumberland, R.I.

World Cup talks progressing

TOKYO — Officials from Japan, South Korea and Major League Baseball made significant progress Friday in talks aimed at setting up a World Cup tournament in 2006.

Commissioners of professional leagues in Japan and South Korea met Friday with Bob DuPuy, Major League Baseball's chief operating officer.

"Everyone expressed support for a global baseball tournament," said Jim Small, managing director of Major League Baseball's Japan office. "We did not announce a World Cup tournament but made significant progress toward that end. A lot of work still needs to be done."

Schilling ankle exam delayed

BOSTON — An examination of Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling's right ankle scheduled for Friday was postponed due to a scheduling conflict.

Doctors are expected to examine Schilling's ankle on Saturday, and he probably will have surgery Tuesday.

Schilling had hoped to have surgery as soon as the season ended. He will need six weeks of rest and six weeks of rehabilitation, and delays could cause him to miss the start of spring training.

Cubs sign SS Perez, talk to Garciaparra

By RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Chicago Cubs convinced a shortstop to re-sign Friday.

Nepi Perez agreed to a \$1 million, one-year contract rather than become a free agent. While Cubs General Manager Jim Hendry already started talks with Garciaparra's agent, the



Perez

five-time All-Star wants to explore the free-agent market for the first time in his career.

Perez, a Gold Glove shortstop with Colorado in 2000, hit .371 with two homers and six RBIs in 25 games with the Cubs last season.

"He's a great fit in a lot of ways for us," Hendry said. "He can play an extended period of time for us. We could play him at second or short. He's ideal for a swing role, and he's a great defender off the bench and a runner when he's on base."

Rather than allow Ugueth Urbina to become a free agent, the Detroit Tigers exercised the closer's \$4 million option. Signed as a free agent on March 28, Urbina was 4-6 with a 4.50 ERA and 21 saves in his first season with Detroit. He left the team after his mother was kidnapped Sept. 1 in Venezuela.

St. Louis exercised a \$2 million option on right-hander Chris Carpenter, who had filed provisionally for free agency earlier in the week. The 29-year-old right-hander went a career-best 15-5 with a 3.46 ERA in 28 starts, but missed the postseason because of nerve

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damage to his right biceps on Sept. 18.

Baltimore declined a \$3 million option of left-hander Buddy Groom, who also had filed provisionally and must be paid a \$250,000 buyout. Groom was 4-1 with a 4.78 ERA in 60 relief appearances for the Orioles last season.

Jon Lieber's \$8 million option was declined by the New York Yankees and the right-hander, who exercised the option, was among six players who filed Friday.

Lieber, recovering from elbow ligament replacement surgery in 2003, began spring training as the Yankees' fifth starter and rose to No. 2 by the playoffs. He went 14-8 with a 4.33 ERA in 27 starts during the regular season and was 1-1 with a 3.43 ERA in three starts during the postseason.

Mets left-hander Al Leiter filed provisionally. New York has until Nov. 15 to exercise a \$1 million option or elect to pay a \$2 million buyout. While it appears unlikely the team will exercise the option, the sides may agree to a new deal.

"It's a formality," new Mets general manager Omar Minaya said.

"We spoke to his agent today. We're negotiating, and we're still hopeful to strike a deal and bring Al back next year."

Leiter, who turned 39 last month, was 10-8 with a 3.21 ERA in 30 starts this season.

Pittsburgh right-hander Brian Boshinger also filed provisionally, awaiting a decision by the Pirates on his \$3 million option, which is not likely to be exercised. Boshinger, who would get a \$300,000 buyout, was 1-1 with a 4.62 ERA in 21 relief appearances.

A total of 201 players have filed, and six more remain eligible to file before Thursday's deadline, including Houston pitcher Roger Clemens, who still hasn't decided whether to file and retire. Free agents can start discussing money with all teams next Friday.

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Headbangers ball for the Bulldogs



Kentucky quarterback Andre Woodson, middle, is smashed between Georgia defenders during the second half of the eighth-ranked Bulldogs' 62-17 victory in Lexington, Ky., on Saturday. See Page 29 for details of this game and other college action from around the nation.



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Spurs win in L.A.
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Air Force continues dominance over Army

Falcons retain bowl hopes,
improve to 15-1 against
Black Knights since 1989

BY MARK JOHNSON
The Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Air Force head coach Fisher DeBerry wanted quarterback Adam Fitch to energize his sputtering team.

Fitch, a junior making his first career start, did just that, running for 115 yards and a touchdown to lead Air Force to a 31-22 victory over Army on Saturday.

Darnell Stephens added two touchdowns for the Falcons (4-5, 2-3 Mountain West), who amassed 345 yards rushing and snapped a two-game losing streak.

Fitch, relegated to a backup role for most of the season because of an injury, also completed seven of eight passes for 84 yards.

"Adam Fitch did a good job today," DeBer-



Air Force quarterback Adam Fitch, left, runs for a touchdown past Army's Trey Landry during AFA's 31-22 victory on Saturday. Fitch led the Falcons with 115 yards rushing.

ry said. "He was in control. He did give us a spark. Our players certainly believe in him."

"Our football team has bled for him all year long because they know how competitive he is. ... Nobody has ever worked to come off an injury like he did."

Carlton Jones ran for 213 yards and two touchdowns for Army (2-6, 2-4 Conference USA). Jones, with 1,057 yards, became the ninth Army running back to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season.

The Black Knights have dropped 15 of the past 16 to Air Force, including eight straight. They last beat the Falcons in 1996.

"You've got to give Air Force a lot of credit," Army coach Bobby Ross said. "We jumped on them early and they came back, held their poise and played very well."

Air Force needs to win its two remaining games to avoid its first losing season since 1993. It would be only the second in DeBerry's 21 seasons as head coach.

The Falcons finish their schedule with home games against San Diego State and Colorado State.

"This is just a step," Fitch said. "We are still 4-5 right now ... we've got to get out there the next couple weeks and finish strong."

Army took a 6-0 lead when Jones broke a 69-yard scoring run on the third play of the game. Austin Miller's 47-yard field goal on the next possession gave Army a nine-point lead.

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Yokota finishes another perfect regular season Page 28

